PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION		12. CONCLUSIONS
25 Apr 64	Socorro, New Mexico		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Ground light ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local night GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reprtd	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE back and forth	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	11. COMMENTS
Witness reported a light going back and forth over a mountain of Socorro while he was driving North.	Clouds in area. Navigation beacon at location. Probable reflection from rotating beacon o n clouds.

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3. Attached is a listing of sightings reported to the Air Force and might be attributed to the Socorro, New Mexico sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Listing

SOURCE: ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL
DATE: 28 APR 64

SOCORRO N M
24 Apr 1964

Girl Says She Was Burned While Watching UFO Here

By JERRY SMOTHERS

Concern over unidentified flying objects continued at a high pitch here today.

Latest incidents include:

—A report from a 10-year-old girl that she was burned while watching a strange egg-shaped thing in the sky yesterday afternoon.

—A report from a truck driver and his wife that they saw two mysterious objects in the sky between here and Socorro.

The rash of incidents started Friday when a policeman saw a UFO take off south of Socorro. UFO experts from different parts of the country are in New Mexico to investigate.

Suffering eye, nose and face burns yesterday afternoon was Sharon Stull, one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Stull of 1409 Wilmoore SE.

On Lowell School Ground

She said she gazed at a UFO for five or 10 minutes shortly before 12:30 p.m. on the Lowell School ground at 1809 Ross SE after returning there from lunch at home.

After 1 p.m., while in class, she noticed burning sensations about the eyes and face. She and her mother believe her burns were inflicted by the thing in the sky.

Sharon said she was not facing the sun while watching the thing, slightly smaller than an airplane and having no windows, speed across the sky and disappear in the distance. Her mother said the child has never had a sunburn and couldn't have gotten one in the few minutes she was outside.

Her sister, Robin, 8, says she, too, saw the thing, but paid little attention to it and didn't continue to watch it. Sharon said two other children also glanced at it briefly.

Sharon was treated by a doctor at Bataan Hospital last night and was kept in bed at home today with her blinds drawn to protect her inflamed eyes and eyelids.

Complains of Pains

Part of her face and nose appeared to be puffy and red. She continued to complain of burn pains.

Police interviewed her at length about the incident and had her draw the silvery object.

Sharon's doctor said his diagnosis is conjunctivitis (membrane inflammation) of both eyes and first - degree sunburn under the eyes and on the nose, adding:

"The sun exposure she had yesterday would usually be considered insufficient to cause the burns and inflammation. It appears to be the type of burns and inflammation caused by longer exposure to the sun."

He said he believes there is no permanent eye damage.

Mrs. Stull was extremely concerned and frightened over the incident today. She also kept Robin home from school.

"I'm just scared to death," Mrs. Stull said.

Truck driver Napoleon Green, 37, and his wife, 35, of 1805 Walter SE, said they sighted two UFO's traveling at about the speed of jet planes at 5:30 p.m. yesterday as they were driving toward Albuquerque on U. S. 85, 17 miles north of Socorro.

Shine Brightly

"I wasn't going to report it because I didn't want to believe my eyes," Mr. Green said today. He said his wife dived beneath the truck's dashboard after seeing the egg-shaped things, about half the size of jet planes and shining brightly in the setting sun.

Green said he saw them possibly two minutes before they disappeared over the eastern horizon.

Federal Aviation Agency officials said they have seen nothing unusual in the sky or on their radar screens. Airplanes appear only as small dots on the screens and it is unlikely a UFO could be distinguished from an airplane on radar.

One official said it would be possible in some areas to track a UFO to see where it goes, if they received a report from a responsible agency immediately after a sighting. Radar sightings have to be in a direct line and can be blocked by mountains, making low - altitude radar tracking difficult sometimes, he advised.

The Weather Bureau, FAA and Kirtland AF Base said there were no balloons or other strange - appearing objects in the sky here, to their knowledge, at the time Sharon saw what she did.



Sharon Stull in Bed Today

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LA MADERA, NEW MEXICO

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Gallegos' report came on the heels of a similar report from a Socorro policeman, Lonnie Zamora, who said he spotted an object near Socorro Friday night. Zamora, in clearing up false reports Sunday, said the object rose about 20 feet off the ground and slowly flew away.

Similar reports came from a Socorro teenager, an Albuquerque motorist, and two men driving in the La Madera area Saturday night. The Albuquerque motorist, George Mitropolis, said he saw a "silver looking" object. It disappeared over a mountain in the Caballo Reservoir area.

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Mysterious Object Pays Visit to Socorro Area

SOCORRO (UPI) — It was round, stood on girder - like legs and scorched grass and bushes, but Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora does not know what it was.

Zamora saw it, and State Policemen and Air Force officials Saturday saw what it left.

Zamora said the mysterious object was round and about as tall as a car. It was shiny and stood on four girder-like legs.

But when he moved closer to the object at dusk Friday, all he found was four indentations in the ground and scorched grass and bushes.

Zamora told Sgt. Sam Chavez of the New Mexico State Police. They took six other men to the spot and found four indentations, 14 inches long and six inches wide.

White Sands Missile Range officials confirmed the markings and the burned grass. They reported the incident to the unidentified flying objects officer at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo.

Holloman officials said they would investigate the incident.

IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW (AP) — Ghana's minister of Agriculture, Kroto Edusei, has arrived in Moscow and will ask, the Tass agency reported, for Soviet experts to help Ghana develop deep-sea fishing.

FILMS FOR W. AFRICA

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Ten Mexican movies have been purchased for a theater chain in West Africa. A spokesman said it will be the first showing of such films in Spanish in Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Gambia.

Information Only
Source: UFO Investigator, Vol III, No 2, April-May 65

New Documentary Film

A new 80-minute documentary film on UFOs, entitled "Phenomena-Seven Point Seven," was nearing release date as this issue was closed.

The moving picture was prepared by Empire Film Studios, Hollywood, where a company official explained the title: "Seven Point Seven means the 7.7% of an estimated 8000 sightings classified as UFOs by the Air Force." (This figure is close to the latest AF admission of 663 unknowns out of 8908 cases, which works out as 7.44%.)

One of the main sequences shows the now widely-known Socorro case. Last April 24, Officer Lonnie Zamora, on highway patrol, sighted an oval-shaped craft near Socorro, N.M. When he left his police car for a closer look, the strange machine blasted flame from underneath, rose to a low altitude, then raced out of sight.

Landing-gear marks and scorched terrain were checked by AF Chief UFO Consultant Dr. J. Allen Hynek and other AF investigators. Later, Hynek stated he did not doubt Zamora's report, and that he had no explanation.

Major Maston M. Jacks, AFHQ spokesman, recently gave Zamora a "top believability rating" in a statement to Roger Treat, for a feature article in the Baltimore News American. Even more surprising, in May Jacks' letter to NICAP member Robert Barrow, Syracuse, described the UFO as a "vehicle"—though he still claimed no evidence that it was from outer space.

However, this official admission that the UFO was some kind of unknown machine, is a long—and puzzling—jump from the usual "explain away" answers of mirages, delusions, etc.

For this reason, the new film may have a strong impact. The original Socorro report had wide publicity, but to date the AF has never issued a press release admitting the UFO was a strange vehicle, nature unknown. If it had, this probably would have been a front-page story, focussing serious attention on UFOs.

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Documentary Film - Cont. from p. 4 col. 2

Empire Film Studies says the documentary is designed to show that neither hysteria nor panic were caused by Officer Zamora's report. First showing will be at Socorro, then the film will appear nationally.

NICAP will review and report on "Phenomena—Seven Point Seven" as soon as possible.

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Astronomer Hunts Clue To 'Saucer'

SOCORRO, N. M., April 29 (AP).—An astronomer from the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University was here today to examine the secluded hill where a Socorro policeman reported seeing a mysterious, egg-shaped flying object.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the special Unidentified Flying Object consultant to the Air Force, was sent to New Mexico after a rash of reports of sightings in the state.

He planned to visit the place where officer Lonnie Zamora said he spotted the object Friday.

OTHER REPORTS

Mr. Zamora said the object he saw was a brilliant white. He said there was a red marking on it like an upside down V with three lines across the top, through the middle and at the bottom. He also said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.

Since Mr. Zamora's sighting at least six reports have been made to authorities including one from a youth who said he fired several shots at something about 100 feet in the air.

T./Sgt. David Moody of the phenomena branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is in New Mexico to assist Dr. Hynek, a Wright-Patterson spokesman said.

SCORCHED GRASS

Dr. Hynek said his investigation in Socorro would determine whether he would visit Espanola, where State Police Capt. Martin Vigil found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after a reported sighting.

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations in the ground at the Socorro site and near Espanola.

Dr. Hynek said he hoped to finish his investigation here today.

He said he has found most people honest and sincere in reporting flying objects.

Many common things, however, are often responsible for such reports, he said.

"Meteors, flocks of birds, weather balloons, even the moon can lead to these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "In such cases the reports often come from entirely honest people who see something that puzzles them."

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 20-year-old Edgewood youth says he fired six shots at one of New Mexico's unidentified flying objects.

State Policeman Tommy Richardson of Moriarty reported he received a telephone call from Don Adams of Edgewood about 1:30 a.m. today.

The report said Adams told of seeing the object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or glowing green-colored object about 25 feet long.

He told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloaded and fired again, without effect. The officer said he did not determine if Adams was using a rifle or a pistol.

Adam's account was another of several such reports that have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Friday.

Newspaper offices and broadcast stations were receiving a few telephone calls about similar sightings but most callers would not identify themselves, saying they did not want to be ridiculed.

The reports came from points following a line from near Caballo Reservoir south of Truth or Consequences, north to an area near Espanola.

Similar Reports

All the reports are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects with size estimates ranging from the size of a car to about 30 feet or longer. State police and military officials have confirmed finding scorched earth at the sites, and wedge-shaped depressions that officers say appear to have been left by some type of landing gear.

Spokesmen at all New Mexico military bases say they have no such aircraft fitting the descriptions.

Reports from Monday night included:

A man who refused to identify himself because he said he would be laughed at, said he saw a ball of red flame land near Las Vegas. He made no estimate of the size of the ball. He said he was going from Lake McAllister to Las Vegas when he saw the object.

New information has been revealed about other sightings.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he was told by Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora that the UFO he saw Friday, the first of the series of sightings, had red markings on its silvery side. Chavez said Zamora told him the design was an inverted V with three bars crossing it, but that the Air Force had told him not to discuss the markings.

Three sightings occurred Sunday night. An unidentified 18-year-old girl told Socorro police she saw a fire with something in it in the same vicinity where Zamora had been.

Orlando Gallegos, 35, of Santa Fe, said he saw a craft as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumfrence near his father's home north of La Madera.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil investigated the La Madera sighting. He found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after the sighting. He said rocks in the center of the area were split, a bottle was melted and green brush had been set on fire, evidently by intense heat.

Saturday night two unidentified motorists said an object similar to the egg-shaped, silver craft described by Zamora swooped down out of the sky toward their car in the Espanola area.

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'Infra-Red' Burns Suffered by Girl Who 'Saw' Object

A 10-year-old girl was treated for "infra-red burns" on her face after she said she watched an "egg-shaped" object hovering near Lowell Elementary School Tuesday noon for about 10 minutes.

Young Sharon Stull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Stull, 1409 Milmoore SE, told her parents and Police Lt. C. K. Jolly, the "queer looking thing" bounced up and down about three times in the sky and then left.

Jolly said the girl's younger sister, Robin, 8, also saw the object but refused to look at it and ran off to play. The girl was treated by a physician for burns about the eyes and nose who, according to Jolly, said he believes Sharon "saw something and it burned her."

Sharon said it was not the sun she was looking at. She told Jolly the object was to the northeast and the sun was behind her. Her parents said Sharon is very truthful.

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Sands 'Saucer' Landing Probed

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Zamora said he also saw what looked like white coveralls but could not tell if anyone—or anything—was in them.

DRIVING to within 100 feet of the object, the policeman said he saw what looked like red lettering on the side of the object.

He said it then rose from the ground and sailed off in a westerly direction, never getting more than 20 feet off the ground and narrowly missing a dynamite shack.

Holder said he checked with both White Sands and nearby Holloman Air Force Base. Neither base, he said, is using any object comparable to Zamora's machine.

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Another Flying Saucer

This One Egg-Shaped and Shiny, Says Policeman

By CHARLES RICHARDS
United Press International

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Edgewood Man Says He Shot At and Hit Flying Object

Alb. Trib. 4/28

By United Press International

A rash of unidentified flying object sightings had New Mexico State Police, local law enforcement agencies and military installations in a dither today.

No less than six "authentic" spottings have been reported since Friday when Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped object which roared off the ground, leaving deep impressions and burned patches.

Fired 12 Shots

Don Adams of Edgewood told State Police he fired 12 .22-calibre pistol shots at an "oblong thing" early today. He told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it.

As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved silently northward. He was unable to determine whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a motorist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employes of the station said the man asked that his name be withheld because he was afraid of being laughed at.

Police also received similar reports Sunday from a Santa Fe man . . . Orlando Gallegos . . . who told of seeing an egg-shaped metal object near La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. He told of seeing flames spurt from numerous jets around the bottom of the object as it took off.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "There was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "silver looking" object near Truth or Consequences, two men driving in the La Madera area and a Socorro teen-ager.

In both the Socorro and La Madera reports, burned land was found at the sites. Also discovered were "paw prints, like a mountain lion's," as well as "landing gear marks."

Photos Mailed

The associate director of Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects said from his Oklahoma City office that pictures of an UFO sighted in 1956 by a shipboard radio officer were being mailed to Zamora.

The photos were taken by T. Fogl aboard the USS Ramsey off the California coast. The IIUFO officer, Hayden Hews, said the object was "almost ientical" in size, coloring, marking, characteristics and landing gears to the thing reported by Zamora.

"Either it was an awful good coincidence or it is the same object," Hews said.

Zamora, when contacted at his home early today, said he had not yet received the photographs.

Meanwhile, military officials at Kirtland and Holloman Air Force bases and White Sands Missile Range continued efforts to investigate the sightings . . . with no end in sight.

There was no evidence of markings of any sort in the area other than the shallow depressions at the location where Mr Zamora reported sighting the object.

Laboratory analysis of soil samples disclosed no foreign material or radiation above normal for the surrounding area.

Laboratory analysis of the burned brush showed no chemicals which would indicate a type of propellant.

There was no evidence presented that the object was extraterrestrial in origin or represented a threat to the security of the United States.

The Air Force is continuing its investigation and the case is still open.

For several days following this report, other sightings were reported in the New Mexico area. In each case the sighting was determined to be a known object or natural phenomena. Two of the reports were determined to be hoaxes.

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More UFO Sightings Are Reported Over Wide Area

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

State officers and the military are investigating more unidentified flying object reports.

The reports came from Socorro and the Espanola area.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil said investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base at Albuquerque were to arrive in Espanola today after noting the similarity in the different reports.

All of the reported sightings are similar in that they describe oval or egg-shaped objects, flames surrounding the craft when on the ground, scorched earth and wedge shaped depressions that officers say appear to have been left by some type of landing gear.

The latest report came from a Santa Fe resident, Orlando Gallegos, 35, who told of seeing an object early Sunday morning at his father's home north of La Madera, sitting in a gravel area.

State Police received a report from two men traveling in the same area Saturday night that a flying object, which they said definitely was not an airplane, had swooped down toward their car, then veered off.

At Socorro, where the first such report came Friday evening from a city officer, a motorist, George Mitropolis of Albuquerque, told of seeing Sunday night "a luminous flying thing, like an upside down bathtub, without lights except for a glow like exhaust underneath it, come up over the crest of the mountains and then go back down."

An unidentified girl, about 18, told Socorro officer Bill Pyland that she saw a fire in the hills southwest of Socorro Sunday night, where city officer Lonnie Zamora first reported seeing an "egg-shaped object" fly away from a draw. She said she went to within 300 feet to 500 feet from the fire when she thought she saw something in the flames. She then left to report it.

About the report from Gallegos, State Police Capt. Martin Vigil said, after visiting the site, "There was definitely something there.

"The ground was still smoldering 20 hours after the sighting."

Gallegos said he had gone out to chase away some horses when he saw the object. He said he was about 200 feet away when he first saw it.

Gallegos said there was no noise and as he watched, the flaming jets were turned off. He said he didn't see anyone or anything moving around the craft.

He said he returned to the house and told his family but no one else ventured outside. Gallegos said he returned twice more to look at the object. He described it as being of bright metal, without windows, as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference. It was egg-shaped, he said, and resembled a large butane gas tank.

Capt. Vigil said the ground was smoldering later Sunday and he found what looked like paw prints along with the depressions that indicate some type of landing gear.

The captain said he contacted Kirtland AFB and an unidentified officer there told him a team of military investigators was on its way.

State Patrolman Marvin Romero told of the Saturday night sighting by two motorists in the Espanola area.

Romero said the men told him they were driving from Abiquiu to Espanola when the flying object came straight toward their car. They said it veered away and all they could see was a jet stream of blue flame.

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NEWSDIAL

Tuesday, April 28, 1964

Good Morning!

Here's a Newsdial special that is well worth stopping and taking a look at. It's a 1963 Rambler 440-H Hardtop. This one is very clean. The price is just $1795!.

Voeters will go to the polls for primary balloting in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania today, but any presidential preferances in either state will have to com. through write in votes.

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Two jurors have been tentatively seated in Chicago for the trial of Teamsters President James Hoffa and seven associates charged with misusing 20 million dollars in union funds.

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The nation's cigarette makers have agreed to a new advertising code that would prohibit pitching toward the youth of America.

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Two Northern Republican senators have called for revisions in the civil rights bill.

* NEW MEXICO NEWS *

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* WEATHER *

The forecast says it should be fair through tonight. A little warmer today and tonight. The predicted high for today is 86 and the low tonight should be near 48.

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Air Force Probes Policeman's Story Of 'Saucer' at Sands



SOCORRO POLICEMAN Lonnie Zamora tells how he spotted an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro, N.M. Zamora said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away as he watched. With Zamora is Sgt. David Moddy, assistant to UFO (unidentified flying objects) investigator Maj. William Connor of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Zamora is described as a "reliable witness." (UPI Telephoto.)

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Air Force UFO Expert to Check 'Saucer' Reports

Alb Journal 4/29

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Dr. Hynek said he hoped to talk to the policeman, Lonnie Zamora, and then visit the site where Zamora says he saw the object this morning.

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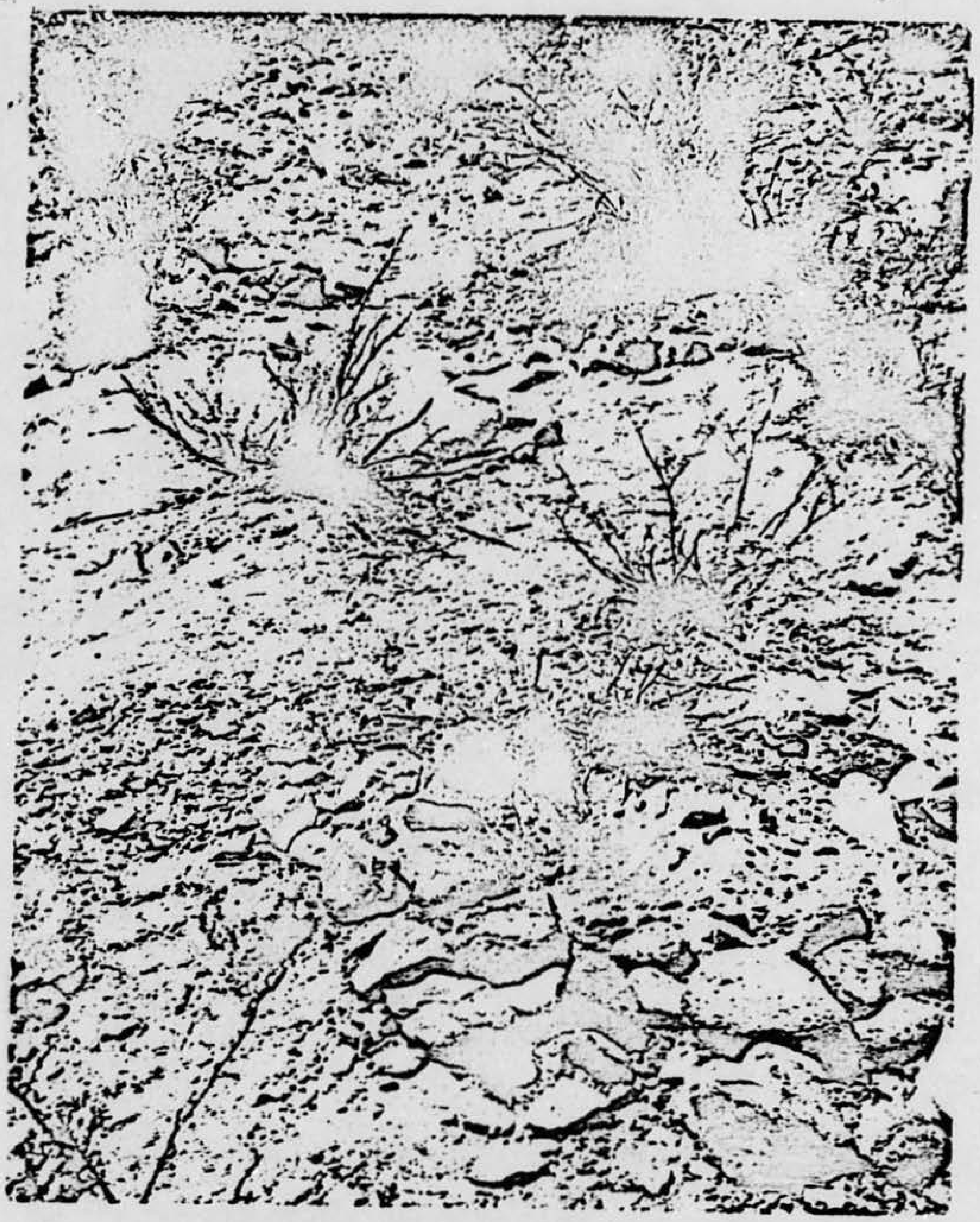
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New Sights Of Saucers

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Strange Objects Seen by Several Persons in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI) —In New Mexico, first test site of the atomic bomb and now a space-age military bastion, citizens in the last two weeks say they have seen, shot at and run from "flying saucers" in shapes from bananas to bathtubs.

The unidentified Flying Object craze is a periodic epidemic in the state. The latest flurry of reports started April 24 when a Rio Grande Valley policeman said he saw a bathtub-shaped object standing on four girder-like legs at dusk.

When it flew away, Socorro, N.M., policeman Lonnie Zamora said he ran from it.

Since then, reports of strange objects have gained speed throughout New Mexico, Wyoming and into Montana in the high Rockies.

Some Explanations

The Air Force sent its top flying saucer chaser to New Mexico and there have been many scientific and military explanations for the sightings, but citizens keep looking.

One scientist said a "Super-Pogo" military craft may be causing the scare. The Air Force said low-flying jets taking pictures with bright strobe lights might be the answer.

The scientist, Dr. Lincoln Lapaz, Institute of Meteoritics director at the University of New Mexico, said there is no danger of outer-space invasion because "anyone living outside this troubled globe would be displaying absolute nonsense to come here."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and the Air Force's top consultant on unidentified flying objects, came to the state to investigate but soon left, saying he believes radar would have picked up anything that human eyes saw.

Plenty of Radar

"It is my understanding that New Mexico has more than its share of radar installations," Dr. Hynek said. "It seems strange to me that radar did not pick up anything."

White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base and Kirtland Air Force Base are among the many military installations in New Mexico with elaborate radar gear.

Zamora started it all when he said he saw the shiny, bathtub-shaped object in a field at Socorro, about 50 miles from where the first atomic bomb was exploded at White Sands.

When he approached it, he said it flew away. Air Force officials confirmed that grass and bushes around the area were burned and that there were four indentations in the ground. Dr. Hynek took soil samples to be analyzed.

Peculiar Aircraft

Lapaz said he believes Zamora saw a vertical short-takeoff and landing aircraft. He said the craft behaves much like the object Zamora said he saw.

Lapaz said he saw a picture of the craft in the March issue of the U.S. Naval Institute proceedings.

He said the picture is several years old and that some military agency probably is secretly testing a "Super-Pogo" type craft with different markings.

"The newer models probably are highly classified," Lapaz said.

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Film On UFOs To Include Socorro Officer

Socorro, N.M. (AP)—A Hollywood, Calif., firm has finished filming the Socorro part of a documentary on unidentified flying objects.

Principal in the Socorro section of the film was city policeman Lonnie Zamora. He said he saw an UFO on April 24, 1964, after it had landed in a gully near here and also said he saw it take off.

Zamora re-enacted his experience for Empire Film Studios at the scene last Saturday.

A studio official said the film may be ready for showing in five weeks. The first public showing is scheduled in Socorro. The film will run about 80 minutes.

The documentary will be entitled, "Phenomena — Seven Point Seven." This, said the official, is 7.7 per cent of an estimated 8,000 sightings classified by the Air Force as UFOs.

The official said thedocumentry is designed to show that neither hysteria nor panic were caused by the alleged landing here. 12 FEB 65

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Man Reports Firing Shots, Hitting UFO

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Other Sightings Are Reported Around State

By United Press International

A rash of unidentified flying object sightings had New Mexico State Police, local law enforcement agencies and military installations in a dither today.

No less than six "authentic" spottings have been reported since Friday when Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped object which roared off the ground, leaving deep impressions and burned patches.

In addition, telephone lines across the state hummed with activity as publicity-hunters and well-meaning persons got in the act.

Fired 12 Shots

An Edgewood man told State Police he fired 12 .22-calibre pistol shots at an "oblong thing" early today. He told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it.

As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved silently northward. He was unable to determine whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Investigating state policemen said the man was completely "sober." Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a motorist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employes of the station said the man asked that his name be withheld because he was afraid of being laughed at.

Police also received similar reports Sunday from a Santa Fe man . . . Orlando Gallegos . . . who told of seeing an egg-shaped metal object near La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. He told of seeing flames spurt from numerous jets around the bottom of the object as it took off.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "There was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "silver looking" object near Truth or Consequences, two men driving in the La Madera area and a Socorro teen-ager.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, 24 APRIL 1964

On April 24, 1964, a Socorro, New Mexico policeman, Mr Lonnie Zamora, reported sighting an object about a mile south of the town at approximately 5:45 pm, in an unpopulated area full of hills and gullies and covered with sagebrush. Following is a summary of his report to Air Force investigators:

Mr Zamora reported that while chasing a speeding car north on US 85, he heard a roar and saw flames in an area where a dynamite shack was known to be located. He abandoned chase of the auto and proceeded to where he believed an explosion had occurred. After traveling a little-used road and experiencing considerable difficulty in trying to drive his car up a gravel-covered hill, he said he then observed what he thought was an overturned car standing on end. At this point he was about 800 ft distant from the object and his car was at the crest of a hill with the object ahead of him in a gully. He reported that during this first glance he saw one or two figures in coveralls whom he assumed to be occupants of the object. This is the only time he saw these figures; he did not see them again. After radioing to Police Headquarters at Socorro that he was proceeding to investigate what he believed to be an auto accident, he drove to a point about 150 ft from the gully where the object rested and stopped the car to proceed on foot. He said the object was white, egg or oval-shaped and apparently supported on girderlike legs. He said he heard a roar and saw smoke and flame coming from the bottom of the object. At this point, Mr Zamora believed that the object was about to explode and he became frightened, turned, and ran to shield himself behind the police car, bumping his leg and losing his glasses on the way. He said that he crouched down, shielding his eyes with his arm while the noise stopped and he glanced up. He reported that the object had risen to a point about 15-20 ft above the ground and the flame and smoke had ceased. At this point, he reported, he noted a design on the object which he described as markings in red about 1 to 1½ ft in height, shaped like a crescent with a vertical arrow and horizontal line underneath. He stated that the object remained stationary for several seconds and then flew off in a southerly direction following the contour of the gully.

Within moments afterward, Sgt Chavez of the New Mexico State Police arrived on the scene in response to Mr Zamora's earlier radio call. He observed no object, but he reported that there were some slight depressions in the ground and apparently burned brush in the area where Mr Zamora had reported seeing the object. The brush was cold to the touch. Sgt Chavez reported the incident to local military authorities who conducted the initial investigation.

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There was no unusual meteorological activity; no thunderstorms. The weather was windy but clear.

Mystery Object Report Is Told

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Ground at La Madera Is Burned

LA MADERA, April 27 (AP)— A Santa Fe resident reported today he sighted an unidentified flying object Sunday near La Madera, northwest of Espanola.

A team of investigators from Kirtland Air Force Base, a group from Washington, D.C., and the FBI were expected to join State Police this afternoon to investigate the new report.

State Police also re- report ...

Gallegos returned twice more to look at the object.

He described it as being of bright metal without windows; as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumfer-

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15,000 unnumbered ... a total of $6,520.50.

In other bid openings in the county manager's office, Cole Print Shop was the apparent low bidder quoting a $21.78 per thousand price on tax notice envelopes.

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The firm, if awarded the job, will supply the county with 160,000 envelopes for a total price of $974.40.

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County Data

The county's new data-machine department superviso will be Jerry Parks of Arlington, Tex., a former county employe.

Announcement was made today by County Manager John Nunn, who will oversee the department and its coordination with the other county offices.

Mr. Nunn said the supervisor will begin duties May 18. He said starting salary will be $800 a month, and the supervisor will probably have a staff of two machine operators and three key punchers.

He said one of the first problems will involve working out arrangements with the county clerk and the county assessor, both of

Air Force UFO Expert to Check 'Saucer' Reports

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'Saucer' Scares E.P. Woman

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"come and look." She said they both saw the flying object in the air.

"It looked like a dish plate upside down and spun away just like a plate would spin if you flung it into the air," Mrs. Reyes said. "It carried a light on the bottom, a bright light."

"I'M REALLY SURPRISED. I never expected to see anything like that around here. My husband and I had talked about the thing the people saw in New Mexico, but I didn't think I would ever see anything like that here.

"I'm still shaking," she added.

Several small planes were in the air at the time of Mrs. Reyes' report, but she insisted the object she saw was not an airplane.

N.M. Sky Objects Puzzle to Expert

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Zamora said the object stood on four girder-like legs. He said when he approached the object, it flew away.

Hynek said Zamora is a "level headed police officer." Hynek said he believes Zamora saw something, but does not know what it is.

The latest reports came from deep southern New Mexico last night when many reported seeing a bright object making low passes.

JIM NAVARRO, an employe at the port of entry at Anthony, New Mexico - Texas, said he saw the object the past two nights.

"It was the same type illumination as a star, but it was too close, too bright and too big," Navarro said.

He said it seemed to remain still for a long time, then took off at a high rate of speed. Navarro said when it took off, it appeared to change "to all kinds of colors."

A state policeman said he heard reports from the Air Force that a plane had been dispatched in the area.

REPORTS from Deming and Hatch said many had seen the same object.

The Air Force said low-flying jets have been taking pictures day and night from Albuquerque west to Kingman, Ariz. and from Deming west to Casa Grande, Ariz.

The planes use bright Strobe units that flash off and on, lighting a large area for picture taking.

Santa Fean Reports

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ring of blue flame erupting from many jets around the bottom of the craft. The jets were noiseless and were turned off while he watched. He saw no persons around the craft which he described as a windowless bright metal, egg-shaped object and as long as a telephone pole, and probably 14 feet in circumference.

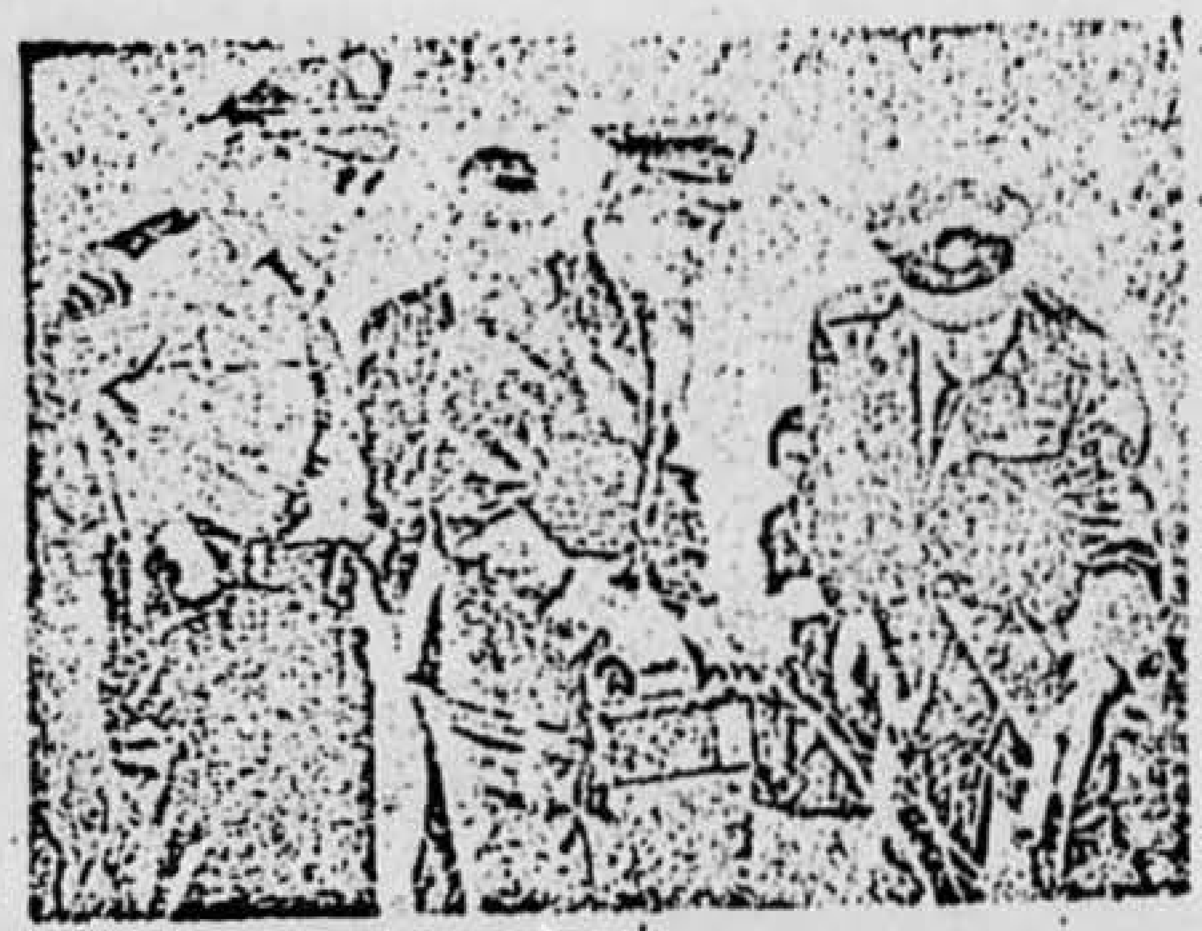
No one ventured out of the Gallegos home again during the night. The object was gone in the morning, but the ground was still smoldering.

A team of investigators at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, was to visit the scene.

Whether it was the same UFO or another one is unknown, but Undersheriff James Luckie said a tourist told him in a cafe here Sunday night that a low-flying, bright object had nearly crowded him off U.S. 85 two miles south of Socorro between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The unidentified tourist was traveling north of 85 and the object going south.

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THEY SEARCHED, and used a geiger counter on the spot where Patrolman Lonnie Zamoro (left) saw a "flying saucer."

USA UNDERGOES UFO AVALANCHE!

Beginning in late April the United States has literally been besieged with sightings of unidentified flying objects. Even in August, as this is being written, the "flap" shows no signs of letting up. Sighting reports keep pouring in from all over the nation. However, a very large percentage of reports are coming from the Western U.S., the Ohio Valley, and the Pennsylvania-New Jersey region.

From its nationwide press clipping service AMUFO has received hundreds of newspaper clippings dealing with UFO sightings. This enables us to confirm the major sightings and report directly to members.

The flap started, as most know, when Socorro, N.M., policeman Lonnie Zamora (note incorrect spelling in above clipping) spotted an egg-shaped metallic object about a mile north of the town. Two girder-like legs were visible on the side of the object Zamora faced (continued on page 3).

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Right next to the object were two figures, rather small in size. One of the figures turned and apparently saw him. We will not rehash the matter, so suffice to say that the saucer subsequently let out a roar and with a burst of flame took off. Two days later the incident made newspaper headlines all over the world. Shortly after the Zamora sighting, more landing reports came in from all over the state of New Mexico and other parts of the west. It is needless to elucidate all of them here, since many members will have already read of them. However, full coverage to all '64 sightings will be given in AMUFO's forthcoming full-length book (see page for details).

Reported here are all UFO sightings AMUFO has received during the period of June 1st onward.

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City Policeman Zamora Reports Sighting Egg-Shaped Object and Views Take-Off; Tourist Sees Craft Just Before Landing

Santa Fean Reports Seeing UFO Landed North of Espanola

An unidentified flying object was reported to have landed and taken off near La Madera, north of Espanola, two days following the stop of a UFO in Socorro.

The evidence that Orlando Gallegos of Santa Fe reported was similar to that found in Socorro. He and his family went to visit his father, just north of La Madera, arriving about 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Gallegos later told State Police he saw the object sitting on the ground in a gravel area when he went outside to chase away horses. He did not approach closer than 200 feet. He noticed a

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At least one other person — an unidentified tourist traveling north on U. S. 85 — saw the UFO just before it landed in the gully. Opal Grinder, manager of Whiting Brothers' Service Station on 85 north, said the man stopped at the station and remarked that aircraft flew low around here.

Grinder replied there were many helicopters in this vicinity. The tourist said it was a "funny-looking helicopter, if that's what it was." The man said further the object had flown over his car. It actually was headed straight for the gully where it landed moments later. The tourist also commented that he had seen a police car heading up the hill. This was Zamora's car.

Grinder did not know of the object at the time, and did not attach importance to the traveler's remarks.

A Tucson, Ariz., couple was here Sunday to interview Zamora for a scientific article on the object. The woman said a minister and 26 other persons in New Guinea had seen a similar object hovering for two hours at an estimated altitude of 400 feet. It was reported the observers had seen a man on the "deck" of the object.

Maj. William Conner of Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, was also here Sunday afternoon to interview Zamora. The major said he was not at liberty to comment. He and an Air Force sergeant visited the UFO scene. Use of a Geiger counter at the scene was reported to have brought negative results.

Capt. Richard T. Holder of Socorro, U.S. Army up-range commander with headquarters at Stallion Range Center on White Sands Missile Range, said Saturday:

"I was contacted on the evening of April 24 by local authorities and asked to provide assistance in identifying a reported UFO. After beng appraised of the situation, I attempted to determine whether White Sands Missile Range or Holloman Air Force Base had anything that might produce the conditions described. Neither White Sands Missile Range nor Holloman had an object that would compare to the object described. There was no known firing mission in progress at the time of the occurence that would produce the conditions reported."

Zamora doesn't know what the object was, but for those who desire to speculate, there are three possibilities:

First, it may have been a top secret U.S. aircraft in an advanced stage of development.

Second, it may have been an advanced type of aircraft or space ship of another power.

Third, it may have been a space scout ship from another planet.

Whatever the object was, it probably was the first reported concrete instance of a UFO in New Mexico.

Policeman Zamora shifted from a routine task to a frightening, out-of-this-world experience in a few minutes Friday night.

He was patroling Park Street where he had begun pursuit of a fast-traveling car several blocks ahead of him. Zamora was almost on the old road when he heard what he described as a blast or a roar. His first though was that an aluminum building used to store explosives had blown up. He forgot about the speeding car and headed up a very rocky, dirt road towards the building. On the third try, driving very slowly, he managed to get up the road which leads to the top of the mesa overlooking the gully where the UFO had landed.

The policeman said he first saw the object at an estimated distance of 150 yards, and he thought it was an overturned car. He was looking out of his car window as he drove towards the top of the mesa. Zamora said one of two persons at the UFO, whose back was to him, turned his head and looked straight at him. The two persons standing by the object appeared to be dressed in white coveralls, and at the distance Zamora saw them they appeared to be "child-like," that is, small. He did not notice what sort of headgear, if any, the two persons, presumably men, wore.

Zamora continued driving up the hill to get a closer look at the object and the persons. When he stopped his car on the top of the mesa and directly opposite the place in the gully where the UFO had landed, he saw it again, but the persons were not outside the object on which the sun gleamed brightly. He got out of his car and started towards the UFO. Then he again heard the roar or blast that had brought him to the scene and saw flames. Dust was flying around the object.

The policeman believed the object was about to explode. He was about 50 feet from the UFO, and for protection he dropped to the ground and covered his face with an arm.

No explosion occurred, and Zamora also realized the object was not heading in his direction. He raised his head slightly. He saw the UFO, which seemed to be headed south on landing, rise straight up for an estimated 20 feet, which brought it about on a level with the police car on the mesa top. The object appeared to maintain this altitude beyond the explosives building and due west in a straight line for about two miles to the perlite mill. On the other side of the mill the UFO gained altitude very rapidly, passed over Six-Mile Canyon, became a speck in the sky, and disappeared.

Zamora said there was a sharp whining sound at the end of the roar preceding the object's take-off. As the object got into the air, the noise quieted. The object did not leave a jet trail. Reports of other supposed UFO's have mentioned that they fly with little or no noise.

Zamora radioed the sheriff's office immediately after the object had taken off. State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, State Policeman Ted Jordan, and Undersheriff James Luckie responded. Chavez and Luckie said the burned clumps of green grass and the greasewood were still hot when they arrived. The military later took samples of the burned earth for analysis.

An inspection of the scene Saturday morning showed the object had landed astride a narrow, rock-strewn dry wash in the gully. Officers earlier had circled with stones the four places where the legs of the object had touched earth. The holes were shallow, about a foot long by six inches wide. They did not appear to have been made by an object striking the earth with great force, but by an object of considerable weight settling to earth at slow speed and not moving after touching the ground.

The two legs of the object that Zamora saw probably were about 2½ feet long.

It was about 12 feet from one landing hole to the other on the west side and 15 feet between the two on the east side. The width probably was nine or more feet.

The clumps of green grass and two greasewood bushes seemed to have been seared all at once by an extremely hot flame. There were also broken branches on one greasewood.

The two round depressions were four and five inches in diameter, respectively.

The cause of the landing of the object, like its identity and its source, remain unanswered. Was the landing in the secluded, little-frequented gully for a test or caused by momentary mechanical dffculty?

After Capt. Holder was appraised of the UFO occurrence, he made a report of it to the proper agencies at WSMR. Investigation of the incident will be conducted by designted government agences.

By Sunday afternoon hundreds of curious persons had trampled the scene and there was virtually no evidence left of the landing marks.

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WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N. M., MAY 13 1964 (AP)-A SECOND ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TODAY TO FIRE A LITTLE JOE II ROCKET IN A TEST OF THE APOLLO MOONFLIGHT ESCAPE SYSTEM.

THE SHOT WAS POSTPONED YESTERDAY BECAUSE OF GUSTY WINDS AND A DESERT SANDSTORM.

THE LITTLE JOE IS EXPECTED TO HURL THE SIMULATED APOLLO SPACECRAFT TO 22,000 FEET AT 6 A.M. (MST).

A DESTRUCT SIGNAL WILL DESTROY THE MISSILE AND FIRE THE ESCAPE SYSTEM. IT WILL SEPARATE THE COMMAND MODULE AND PROPEL IT A SAFE DISTANCE WHERE FOUR PARACHUTES WILL BE DEPLOYED TO LOWER THE CRAFT TO EARTH.

THE COMMAND MODULE IS THE NERVE CENTER FOR THE APOLLO AND WILL CARRY THE ASTRONAUT-PILOTS.

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FIRST LEAD LITTLE JOE (270) 1964

BY HAROLD R. WILLIAMS

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M., MAY 13 (AP)-THE FIERY EXPLOSION OF A LITTLE JOE II ROCKET SHATTERED THE EARLY MORNING CALM TODAY IN A TEST OF THE APOLLO MOON SPACECRAFT LAUNCH ESCAPE SYSTEM.

EARLY INDICATIONS FROM NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WERE THAT THE TEST, THE FIRST OF FIVE OF THE APOLLO ESCAPE SYSTEM, WAS SUCCESSFUL. IT HAD BEEN DELAYED 24 HOURS BECAUSE OF WINDS A DUST STORM YESTERDAY.

LITTLE JOE II BLASTED INTO THE SKY ABOUT 6 A.M. (MST) FROM A CLOUD OF DUST CAUSED BY THE ROCKET'S SEVEN SOLID FUEL ENGINES, GENERATING MORE THAN 300,000 POUNDS OF THRUST.

CLIMBING TO 22,000 FEET ALTITUDE IN ABOUT 30 SECONDS, THE 85-FOOT TALL VEHICLE STACKED WITH BOILERPLATE MODELS OF THE APOLLO COMMAND AND SERVICE MODULES, REACHED A MAXIMUM AERODYNAMIC STRESS PERIOD AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION THAT WAS SET OFF BY GROUND SIGNAL.

AT THE SAME INSTANT, EXPLOSIVE BOLTS SEPARATED THE COMMAND MODULE FROM THE DISINTEGRATING ROCKET AND THE 155,000-POUND THRUST ESCAPE ROCKET FIRED, CARRYING THE COMMAND MODULE ANOTHER 4,000 FEET HIGHER.

SAFELY AWAY FROM THE EXPLOSION, THE COMMAND MODULE, WHICH WILL CARRY ASTRONAUTS TO THE MOON, SEPARATED FROM THE ESCAPE TOWER.

ABOUT 7 1/2 MINUTES AFTER THE FIRING, THE COMMAND MODULE, SUSPENDED BY PARACHUTES, FLOATED TO THE DESERT FLOOR ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM THE LAUNCH SITE.

A NASA SPOKESMAN SAID THE ONLY APPARENT TROUBLE WAS THAT ONE OF THE THREE 88-FOOT DIAMETER RING PARACHUTES ATTACHED TO THE COMMAND MODULE BROKE AWAY FROM THE CAPSULE SOON AFTER THEY OPENED AT 7,500 FEET ALTITUDE. EARLIER, NASA OFFICIALS HAD SAID TWO PARACHUTES COULD BRING THE CAPSULE DOWN SAFELY.

WATCHING TODAY'S TEST FROM A BLOCKHOUSE NEAR THE LAUNCH SITE WERE ASTRONAUTS LT. CMDR. CHARLES CONRAD, LT. CMDR. JAMES A. LOVELL, MAJ. GORDON COOPER, CMDR. ALAN SHEPARD JR., AND DONALD SLAYTON.

(NO PICKUP)

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UFO Sighting, Socorro, New Mexico, 24 Apr 64 28 May 64

Hq USAF SAFOI PB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash D C 20330

1. The following is a resume on the unidentified flying object sighted by Mr Lonnie Zamora, of Socorro, New Mexico on 24 Apr 64, results of the investigation so far, conclusions reached by FTD and courses of action in continuing the investigation.

a. Background Information:

(1) At approximately 1745, 24 Apr 64 an unidentified flying object was observed by Mr Lonnie Zamora in Socorro, New Mexico. The sighting was reported to Sgt Chavez of the New Mexico State Police. The object sighted by Mr Zamora had left markings in the ground as well as several burned spots in the area. The area was secured by Sgt Chavez and the commanding officer, Capt Holder, of the Stallion Site at White Sands notified. Capt Holder conducted an initial investigation of the sighting and obtained samples of the charred areas and dirt surrounding the markings left by the UFO.

(2) News media and persons connected with various UFO organizations such as APRO and NICAP received word of the sighting and sent investigators to the scene. Newspaper accounts of the sighting had become much distorted with reports of little men running around and a rocket ship blasting off into space. The account of the sighting carried in the El Defensor & Chieftain, dated Tuesday, 28 April 1964 and the account by UPI representative Charles Richard, carried inthe Albuquerque Journal, 27 April 1964, are essentially correct. As a result of wide news coverage and public interest in the sighting, Captain Hector Quintanilla, Project Officer, directed TSgt David Moody to assist in the investigation for the Air Force. Sgt Moody contacted Major Conner, the Officer at Kirtland AFB responsible for unidentified flying object investigations, and accompanied him to Socorro. Information obtained during this investigation revealed that the sighting was legitimate and there was no indication that a hoax was being perpetrated. The results of Capt Holder's investigation were received, interviews with Sgt Chavez and Lonnie Zamora were conducted. A geiger counter was used to determine if radiation was present in the area of the

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* Manned Mars Excursion Module. (MEM)
Aeronertronics Division, Philco, Newport Beach, Calif

Lunar Excursion Module. (LEM)
Grumman A/C, Long Island, New York (Prime Contractor)

* Lunar Excursion Module (Ascent Rocket)
ANS — Bell Aerosystem Co, Buffalo, New York

Lunar Modular Base, 4 legs
ANS — Douglas Missile & Space Systems

* Re-Entry & Landing Studies
ANS — Goodyear Aerospace Corp, Akron, Ohio

Lunar Surveyor Vehicle
ANS — Hughes Aircraft Co

* Advanced Lunar Transport Systems
Long-Tempco-Vought, Greenville, Texas

* Manned Planetary Systems/Lunar Ferry
Lockheed Aircraft Co, Burbank, Calif

* Manned Mars Landing Study
North American Aviation Inc, Downey, Calif

Companies having capability in Spacecraft Landing but no specific System is listed.

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United a/c.

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Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

Douglas Missile and Space Systems
Santa Monica, California

1. Request any information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in your Lunar modular base with four legs.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

M/R: Mr Ralph Payne from Douglas a/c contacted this office on 30 Jun 64. Gave us a booklet and said that he would get in toucher with either Capt Quintanilla or Tsgt Moody in the latter part of the week.

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Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

Hughes Aircraft Co
Burbank, California

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2. We have a particular interest in the Lunar Surveyor Vehicle.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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Request for Lunar Module Information 26 May 64

Hughes Aircraft Co
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EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

15 June 1964

Commander
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attention: Captain Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

We are in receipt of Colonel Jonckheere's letter of 26 May 1964 requesting information on Lunar Module Projects.

We have referred your request for information to the Project Office of Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. I trust you will be hearing from them shortly.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Sandler
Advanced Program Development

DHS:iy

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Commander
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attn: Capt. Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

received reply 27 May 64

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THE CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC TOOL COMPANY

DIVISION OF CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC INDUSTRIES, INC.

3781 EAST 77TH STREET CLEVELAND 5, OHIO

To Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attn: Captain Hector Quintanilla (TDEW)

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Cleveland Pneumatic Aviation of Pneumodynamics
Cleveland, Ohio

1. Our office is interested in lunar module type spacecraft having landing gear experience. Normally these projects are supervised by NASA.

2. It is our understanding that your corporation has some capability in spacecraft landing but no specific system is being developed. We would appreciate any information which you may have at your disposal. This information may be sent to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

M/R Received phone call 22 May 64. Will get info first part of week of 24th.

Received reply 27 May 64

Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Company
3781 East 77th St
Cleveland 5, Ohio

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UFO sighting. The data was collected and no positive conclusion reached. On Tuesday, 28 April 1964, Capt Quintanilla directed Doctor J Allen Hynek to Socorro to obtain additional data. Composite results of the investigation by Capt Holder, Sgt Moody, Dr Hynek and Major Conner indicated that the attached narrative depicts the true circumstances of the sighting.

b. Specific Findings from Efforts to Date:

(1) On the evening of 24 April 1964 Sgt Chavez of the New Mexico State Police accompanied by Agent Burns of the FBI and Capt Richard Holder conducted a search of the area surrounding the sighting. There were no automobile tire markings or markings of any sort in the area other than those located at the site of the alleged landing and so noted in Capt Holder's report.

(2) Radioactivity: Major Conner and Sgt Moody checked the area for radiation. There was no radioactivity in the area of the sighting.

(3) Helo Activity: A check was made to determine if any helicopter activity was in the area at the approximate time of the sighting. This check was conducted at White Sands by Capt Holder who talked with the pilots and operational personnel. All helicopters at White Sands were in the hangars at the time of the sighting. Sgt Moody checked all ARS helicopters at Kirtland AFB and the landing gear did not coincide with the marks on the ground. Helo activity was checked within a radius of 300 miles including Biggs AFB at El Paso with negative results. All military helos including those associated with Project Cloud Gap have been eliminated as a possible cause of the sighting. However, civilian helicopter activity was not completely determined.

(4) Radar Survellance of the Area: Capt Holder contacted radar sites at White Sands and Almagordo. He was informed that there was no unidentified activity in the area during the time of the sighting.

(5) Soil Samples: The soil samples obtained at the sighting were given to Dr J Allen Hynek by Capt Holder. They were turned over to Captain Quintanilla who in turn submitted them to ASD for analysis. Laboratory analysis of the soil was completed on 19 May 64. It included spectrographic analysis which revealed that there was no foreign material in the soil samples. Also, no chemicals were detected in the charred or burned soil which would indicate a type of propellant. There was no significant difference in elemental composition between the different samples.

THE CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC TOOL COMPANY

3781 EAST 77TH STREET
CLEVELAND 5, OHIO
DIAMOND 1-1700

May 26, 1964

Reference: SD-2-1733

Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

ATTENTION: Captain Hector Quintanilla/TDEW

SUBJECT: Lunar Module Spacecraft Landing Gear

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm our recent telephone conversation with regard to your letter of May 20, 1964 in which you ask for information relative to our experience in the lunar field. We believe a review of the enclosed booklets will indicate to you that we do have considerable background in this field.

We have submitted proposals to the Martin Company, Baltimore, Maryland, and also Grumman in Bethpage, Long Island. These were classified proposals, details of which are possibly available to you at Wright Field.

Our Instrumentation and Control Division in Grand Rapids received a contract (AF33(616)-6572) several years ago covering a study of "Vehicle Departure and Alightment Concepts". Again, may we suggest that the complete file on this subject is available to you at Wright Field. For your convenient reference, we attach copies of reports 1, 3, 4, 5, 14, and 15 covering this particular study. These are probably the most graphic reports submitted against the contract, and will serve to show you the numerous areas of study.

Our National Water Lift Division in Kalamazoo, Michigan, produced the landing gear assembly for the "surveyor" project. A copy of a single page brochure on this topic is enclosed.

We do not feel free to pass on further information on this program because of the restrictions imposed by the prime contractor, Hughes Aircraft Company. Additional information on this project may be in your files or available to you by contacting the Hughes Company.

If it would be of any assistance to you in your present project, we would be pleased to have one of our preliminary design engineers visit you for general technical discussions on "lunar landing gear". If you would prefer to visit <u>us</u>, we would be certainly glad to have you spend a day or two with us. These suggestions, of course, do not place you or the Government under any obligation to us whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

THE CLEVELAND PNEUMATIC TOOL COMPANY

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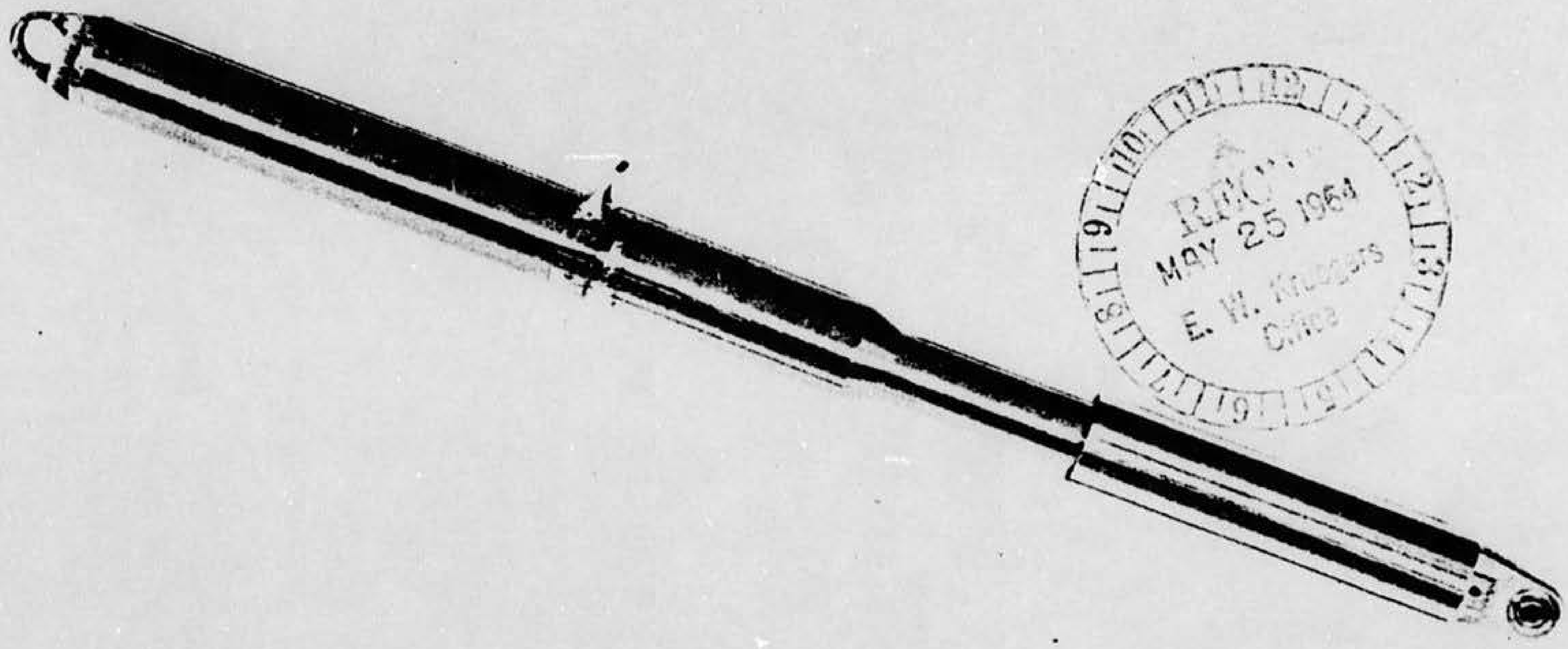
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Project Surveyor is a scientific task with the end requirement of successfully accomplishing a landing on the moon. The lunar vehicle lands on three legs. A shock absorber is incorporated in each leg to dissipate some of the touchdown energy and to store the balance. NWL is responsible for the design, production, and testing of these shock absorbers, Model 1859.

The design parameters are very severe. Temperatures range from + 275° F to - 300° F, pressures inside the unit go up to 15,000 psi, and pressures outside the unit drop to 10^{-14} torr. The required damping profile is both a function of unit velocity and unit stroke position.

The unit contains a gas charge at 1500 psi and will retain such a charge for 12 months. External moving parts are encapsulated by flexible metal bellows. The unit uses a special grade of titanium (13 Cr 11V 3 Al) heat treated to 185,000 psi minimum. A very detailed and comprehensive reliability program controls this project.

By the nature of its' end usage, the production of the shock absorber will be small. However, the engineering, product know-how, and special experience requirement are very large. This unit typifies NWL Company's capacity for small production runs on sophisticated hardware.



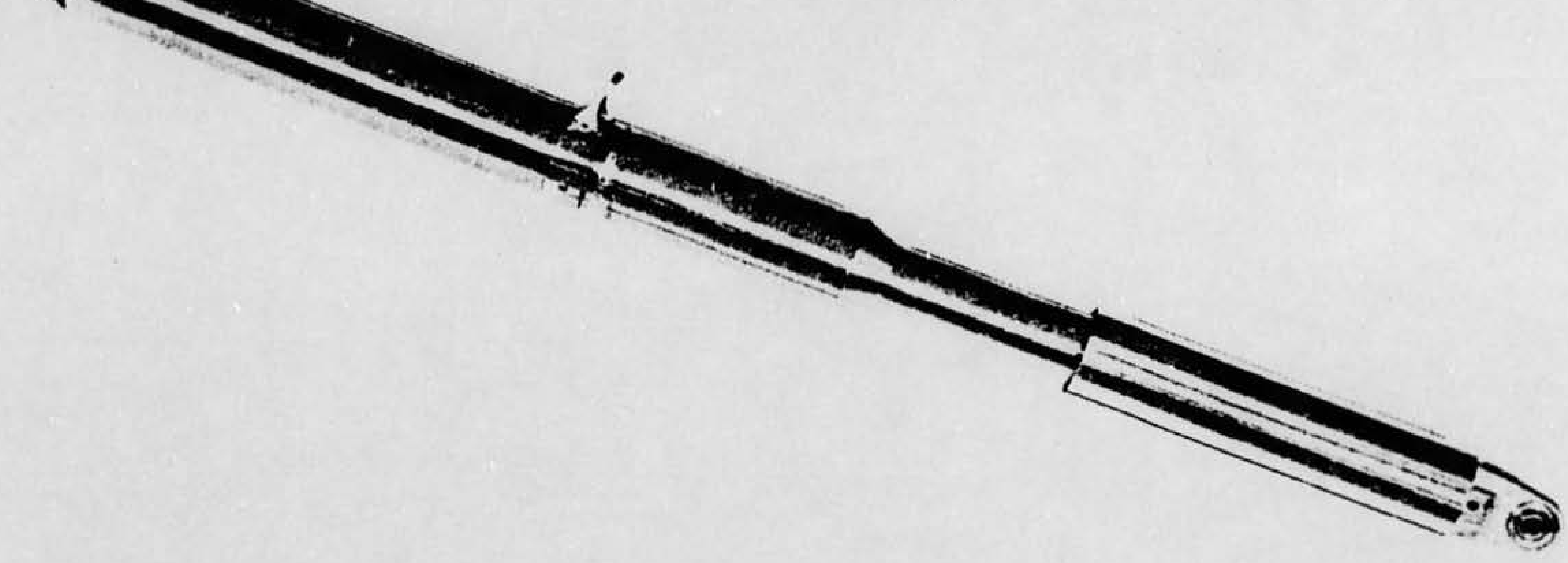
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Request for Lunar Module Information

19 May 64

Goodyear Aerospace Corp
Akron, Ohio

1. Request any information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in re-entry and landing studies.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

M/R: Mr Fred Ruble called Capt Quintanilla on 28 May 64 regarding the above letter. He is the Goodyear representative regarding this particular field and has been in contact with FTD in the past. His phone is 794-2366 or 794-2666at Akron. Information on these programs are generally classified. Should Capt Q desire an interview or contact Mr Ruble he may do so. Their representative suggested that we read Space Astroanutics, May 1964 regardigg the M-1 MIL and M-2 vehicles associated with this type program.

TDEW

Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

Menasco Mfg Co
Fort Worth, Texas

1. Our office is interested in lunar module type spacecraft having landing gear experience. Normally these projects are supervised by NASA.

2. It is our understanding that your corporation has some capability on the spacecraft landing but no specific system is being developed. We would appreciate any information which you may have at your disposal. This information may be sent to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
COLONEL, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

M/R: Capt Quintanilla spoke with V C Serianni, representative of the Menasco Manufacturing Company, on 28 May 64. Menasco has the capability of producing a Lunar Landing Module, however, they have not built any models for any of the contractors. Menasco has done much research in this area and have a Laboratory model with girder-like pods for a Landing mechanism.

MENASCO MANUFACTURING COMPANY
TEXAS DIVISION
TELEPHONE BU 3-4471
BOX 7397, SYLVANIA STATION
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

May 25, 1964
Letter No. TS 5516

Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Attention: Eric T. deJonckheere, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

Subject: Request for Lunar Module Information

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of May 20, 1964, we have referred your inquiry to our Dayton, Ohio representative, Mr. Vince Serianni, who will contact Captain Hector Quintanilla in regard to our capability and interest in programs of this type.

Thank you for your inquiry, and we trust that we may be of service to you in the future.

Very truly yours,

MENASCO MANUFACTURING CO.

R. J. Schmidt
Divisional Sales Manager

RJS:ds

TDEW

Request for Lunar Module Information 19 May 64

Bell Aerosystem Co
Buffalo, New York

1. Request any information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in the Lunar Excursion Module (Ascent Rocket).

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio 45433

VIA AIR MAIL

Attention: Captain Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

(6) VTOL and Lunar Modules:

(a) Personnel working on the development of VTOL type aircraft and lunar modules were consulted. VTOL type a/c were not eliminated as a possible cause due to the absence of a blast effect in the area. There are several types of ducted blast devices which would divert the force of the blast outward. However, they were not aware of an operational craft of this nature.

(b) Lunar Module configurations conform not only to the description of the object but also have girder like legs or pods which would produce markings such as those found at Socorro. One known experimental model, constructed by Bell Aircraft Corporation, is located at Edwards AFB.

(7) Additional Witness: The El Defensor and Chieftan of Tuesday 28 Apr 64 carried an article indicating that an unidentified tourist traveling North on U S 85 saw the UFO just before it landed. He also observed the police car heading up the hill toward the spot where the UFO landed. If this is true, the UFO not only disappeared in the direction of White Sand's but also came from that same direction. A telephone call to Mr Opal Grinder of Whiting Brothers Service Station indicated that he was the source for reporting that an unidentified tourist had observed the unidentified flying object. He verified that the information in the news article was correct.

c. General Conclusions to Date:

(1) Evaluation of the data contained in the various investigative reports confirms that a sighting definitely did occur. The description of the object and flight characteristics are coincident with that expected of a helicopter, VTOL or Lunar Module configuration. Current investigative efforts are being made to establish or identify the specific vehicle which caused the sighting. The following statement by Captain Hector Quintanilla represents a statement which may be released to the press:

"Conclusion: The investigators at Wright-Patterson have not been able to identify or determine what type of vehicle or object Mr Lonnie Zamora observed on 24 April at Socorro, New Mexico. The object or vehicle displayed flight characteristics well within the State-of-the-Art and the sighting cannot be attributed to atmospheric or astronomical phenomena. In this respect, I can categorically state that the vehicle or object observed by Mr Lonnie Zamora was not an inter-planetary space vehicle visiting the planet Earth. This case is still open and the investigation is still in progress."

BELL AEROSYSTEMS COMPANY
BUFFALO 5, NEW YORK PHONE: NIAGARA FALLS 297-1000 AREA CODE 716

4 September 1964

Subject: NAS 9-1100
Request for Lunar Module Information

To: Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
Air Force Systems Command
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433

Attention: Captain Hector Quintanilla
FTD (TDEW/UFO)

1. We have received your request for LEM information. Thank you for your interest in Bell's participation in this program. Bell's participation involves the production of both the LEM Ascent Engine and positive expulsion tanks for the LEM reaction control system. These tanks are patterned after similar tanks we are making for the Apollo Command Module reaction control system.

2. We are unable to honor your request for LEM information at this time. Because of the terms of our subcontracts with Grumman Aircraft, approval must be obtained from Grumman prior to releasing information concerning the subcontracts. A request has been sent to Grumman requesting approval to supply you with information. To date we have not received this approval.

3. If you wish to contact Grumman directly to explain your requirements for information, we suggest that you contact the following:

Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation
Bethpage, Long Island, New York

Attention: Mr. E. F. Hintz
Subcontract Administrator
Plant No. 25

A. E. Mirti
A. E. Mirti
Project Director
LEM Ascent Engine

AEM:JKS:nm

cc: Col. E. T. de Jonckheere, USAF
Mr. E. F. Hintz, GAEC
Mr. J. Conover, GAEC Res. Rep. at BAC

BELL AEROSYSTEMS COMPANY
BUFFALO 5 NEW YORK

4 September 1964

Subject: NAS 9-1100
Request for Lunar Module Information

To: Headquarters
Foreign Technology Division
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United States Air Force
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Mr. E. F. Hintz, GAEC
Mr. J. Conover, GAEC Res. Rep. at BAC

TDEW

Request for Lunar Module Information 19 May 64

Grumman Aircraft
Long Island, New York

1. Request any information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM).

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Request for Lunar Module Information 20 May 64

Long - Tempco - Vought Corporation
Greenville, Texas

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2. We have a particular interest in the Advanced Lunar Transport Systems.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

TDEW

Request for Lunar Module Information 19 May 64

Aeronutronics Division
Philco Corporation
Newport Beach, California

1. Request any unclassified information relative to the present status of lunar module projects conducted by your corporation. Information should be forwarded to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

2. We have a particular interest in the Manned Mars Excursion Module (MEM).

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Request for Lunar Module Information 19 May 64

Lockheed Aircraft Co
Burbank, California

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2. We have a particular interest in the Manned Planetary Systems/Lunar Ferry.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

TDEW

Request for Lunar Module Information 19 May 64

North American Aviation Inc
Downey, California

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FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
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Request for Lunar Module Information

20 May 64

McDonnel Aircraft
Project Gemini
Lambert Field
St Louis, Missouri

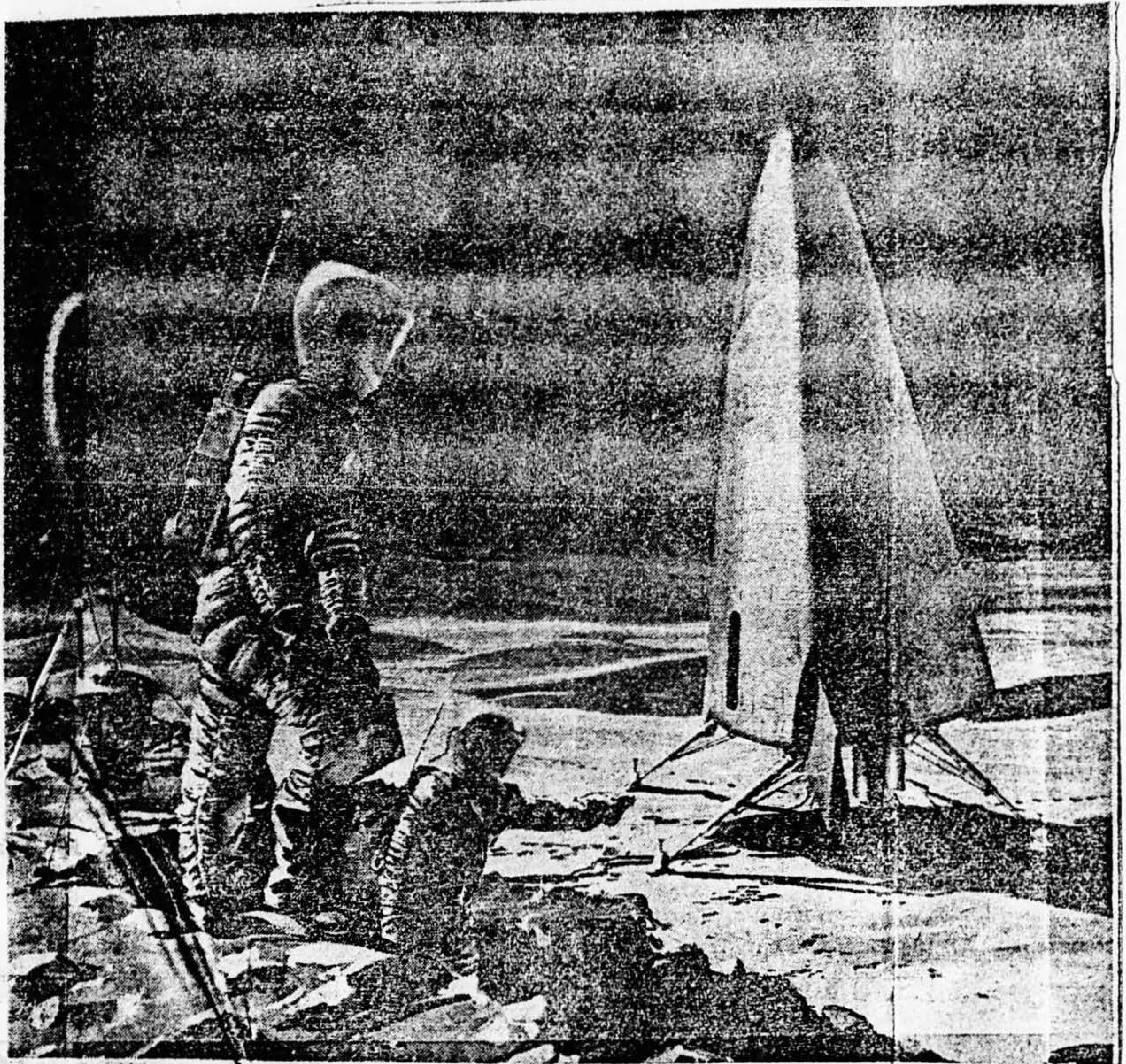
1. Our office is interested in lunar module type spacecraft having landing gear experience. Normally these projects are supervised by NASA.

2. It is our understanding that your corporation has some capability on the spacecraft landing but no specific system is being developed. We would appreciate any information which you may have at your disposal. This information may be sent to Captain Hector Quintanilla, FTD (TDEW/UFO, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
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LANDING ON MARS — Leaving scientific equipment behind, explorers in this artist's drawing launch their craft to return to an orbiting mother ship which is stationed above Mars' atmosphere. The journey by a U.S. space team could be made by 1975, according to Dr. Franklin P. Nixon, Mars Excursion Module program director at Newport's Aeronutronic Division of the Philco Corp.

U.S. Space Team Could Blast Off for Mars in 1975, Scientist Says

BY MILT BROUHARD
Times Staff Writer

ANAHEIM—A three-man U.S. space team could be successfully landed on Mars to conduct surface explorations in 1983, according to one man connected with the program.

The target date could be advanced several years — perhaps as early as 1975—if federal government officials would give the program the go-ahead at this time, he contends.

"It would take about nine years to test and assemble the hardware and about six years to train the astronauts who would make the landing," says Dr. Franklin P. Dixon, Mars Excursion Module program director at Newport's Aeronutronic Division of the Philco Corp.

Moon Probe First

He said that current NASA projects linked with a — hopefully — successful astronaut moon landing will provide most of the necessary information and equipment needed to land men on Mars and return them safely.

Dr. Dixon revealed this information and designs for the space vehicle to be used at Tuesday evening's meeting of the Orange County Chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Disneyland Hotel here.

His disclosure was based on the final work Aeronutronic submitted to NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. The report requested by NASA was conducted to check the practicality of such a space attempt.

He said the only additional work needed beyond current space studies would be the final development of a current nuclear engine to propel the landing vehicle's mother ship from an earth orbiting space station and better knowledge of Mars' atmospheric conditions.

Need Government Backing

"The major hurdle is actually to have the government want to make the venture," Dr. Dixon said. He hopes that the possibilities of greater scientific knowledge and the political advantage of outstripping Russian space efforts will provide the leverage to get approval for the program.

"The Russians at this time haven't the financial capability to attempt a similar project unless they completely trample the material needs of their exploding population," he said.

The landing team would be composed of the pilot, an astronaut, who would be trained to act as a scientific assistant once the 40-day exploration on Mars actually got underway; a scientific person trained in geology, physiology and meteorology, and a third member who would be oriented to biology and bio-physics.

Modified Boosters

Beween five and ten current or modified Saturn-C boosters would launch the attempt by lifting all equipment needed for an initial earth-orbiting way station.

Once the way station was in operation, a nuclear-powered spacecraft would be launched from it towards Mars. This mothership would have a four to six- [illegible] for the 390-440 days it is expected to make the round trip.

The mother-ship would establish a Martian orbit and send out the actual landing craft towards a pre-designated landing area. This flight would last about one hour.

Craft Described

The explorer's small draft would be able to change direction once inside Mars' atmosphere to make corrections from the prime launch pattern. It would be a tail-first landing with the craft in position for blast-off when the return to the orbiting mother-ship is to be made.

Most of the equipment in the landing craft would be expendable once it has served its scientific purposes, Dr. Dixon said.

Ideally, the men would be landed in the springtime near Mars' north polar ice cap so they could investigate "dark areas" which he said may be some form of life lapping up the water created by the melting thin ice cap.

d. Continuing Investigative Efforts at Present Include:

(1) The FTD Liaison Officer, Major Mitchell at White Sands, has been requested to determine if a vehicle from a classified project at White Sands could have contributed to the sighting.

(2) A letter has been sent to the FAA requesting any information relative to identification of a firm using the marking observed by Lonnie Zamora.

(3) NASA has been queried regarding the status of the Lunar Module Programs. As of this date no reply has been received.

(4) Letters concerning status of the Lunar Module programs have been written to 15 industrial organizations.

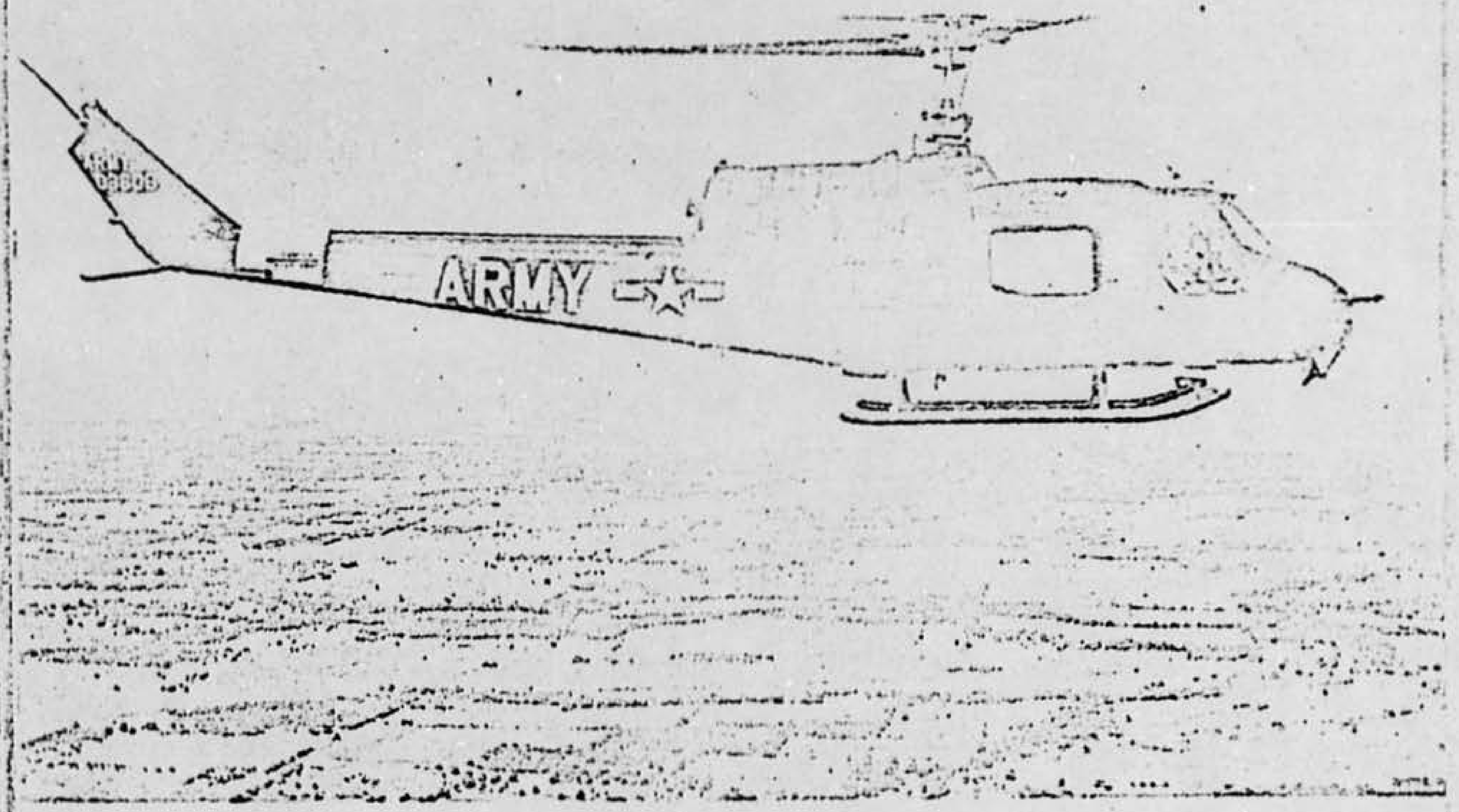
(5) Contact with research and development personnel associated with VTOL and Lunar Module Programs is being maintained.

(6) Efforts to locate the unidentified tourist have not been successful, however, this is still a possibility.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Narrative of Sighting



UH-1B

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COMMON NAME — Iroquois

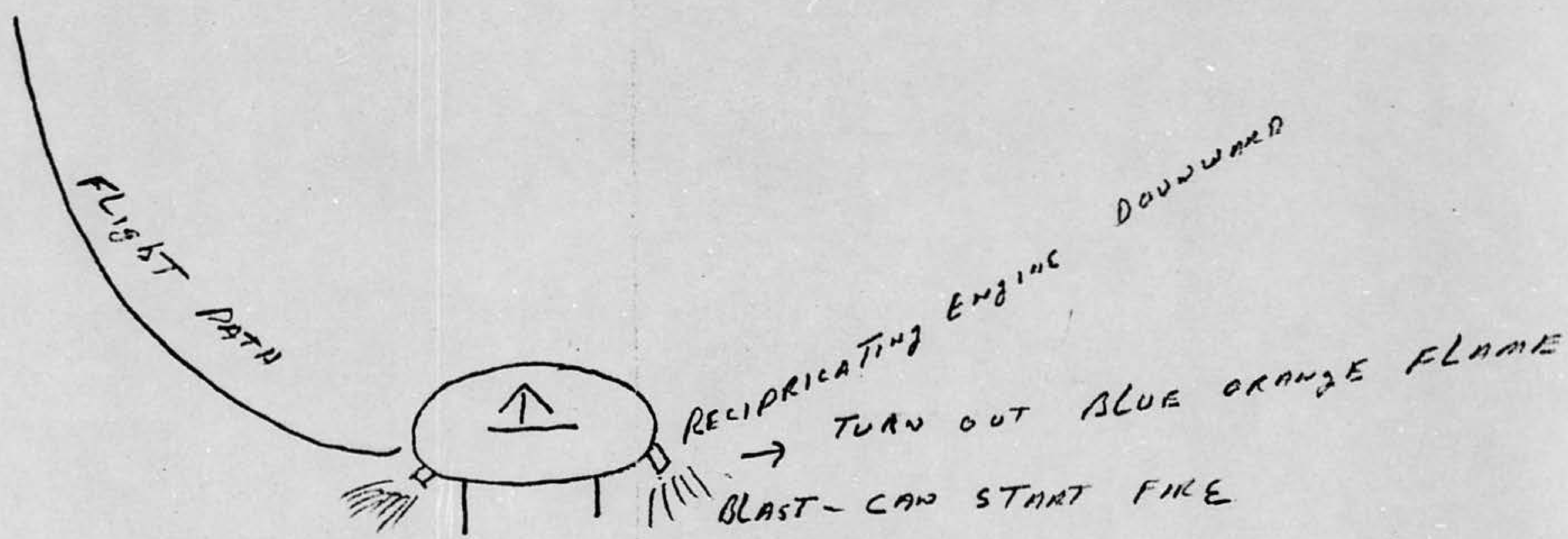
AIRFRAME
- Manufacturer — Bell
- Personnel — Pilot-8 troops, or Pilot and attendant and 3 litters
- External Cargo — 4,000 lbs

ENGINE
- Manufacturer — Lycoming
- Model Designation — T-53-L-11
- Take-Off Horsepower — 1,100
- Description — Gas turbine, free shaft

ROTOR
2-Blade, 44' diameter Bell Metal Interchangeable (Main); 2-Blade, 8'5" diameter Bell Metal Interchangeable (Tail).

PERFORMANCE
- Range — 235 nautical miles
- Hovering Ceiling — 16,800 feet
- Max. Operating Wt. — 8,500 lbs
- Max. Cruising Speed — 113 knots

REMARKS
The UH-1Bs are being used extensively in combat in Vietnam. Armed with rockets and machine guns, UH-1Bs provide close fire support for Allied field troops. These ships also fly armed tactical escort missions for other heavier, less maneuverable troop-carrying aircraft.



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Bell Aero System = Lunar Landing Research Veehicle For NSA

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DUBUQUE, IOWA

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May 29, 1968

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Department of Astronomy
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Dear Dr. Hynek:

Your letter of 30 April, requesting information about individuals referred to in the letter who might have witnessed the sighting of unidentified flying objects on April 24, 1964, was forwarded to my attention.

After considerable searching of the newspaper files during the period in question, I have come up with some helpful information.

The Telegraph-Herald carried a page one story on April 29, 1964 covering the details of the sighting. Two persons from Dubuque were listed in the story as having seen the object in question. The story lists:

Paul Kies, 650 Sunset Ridge, Dubuque, Iowa
and
Larry Kratzer, 1504 Henion, Dubuque, Iowa (now of 751 Kane Street)

I hope this information will be of value to you in your search for a solution to puzzling phenomenon of unidentified flying objects and trust that the information will be used with discretion.

Sincerely,

Dick Dempsey

Richard C. Dempsey
Director of Public Relations

RCD:sle

30 April 1968

Editor
Telegraph Herald News
Dubuque, Iowa

Dear Sir:

In my capacity as Scientific Consultant to the Air Forces' Project Blue Book I am trying to get more details on the April 24, 1964 sighting at Socorro, New Mexico, made by Lt. Zamora.

I would very much appreciate your help in obtaining the name and address of the individual referred to in the enclosed copy of Mr. Bieberman's letter who might also have witnessed this sighting.

I wish to assure you that my interest in this matter is entirely professional and under no circumstances do I use this material for publicity purposes or for any other reason that to try to solve this puzzling phenomenon of unidentified flying objects.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

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26 April 1968

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Chairman
Astronomy Department
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Dr. Hynek

I may have a lead on the person you are looking for. Within a week or two after Zamora's sighting on April 24, 1964, my mother sent me a clipping from Dubuque who saw the saucer in Socorro. The clipping was from the Telegraph Herald, Dubuque's newspaper, and included a picture of the individual. As I recall, the man was driving into Socorro at the time. Unfortunately, I no longer have the clipping. However, I am sure that the name and address of the individual could be obtained from the Telegraph Herald in Dubuque.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Robert A. Bieberman
601 Fitch Avenue
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

April 26, 1968

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Astronomy Department
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The Albuquerque Tribune

Four Years Old

$100 Reward Offered In Saucer Mystery

SOCORRO (UP) — The mystery of a reported unidentified flying object four years ago south of Socorro on an isolated hill remains unsolved.

And to help find clues to help solve the problem, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University in $100 reward to help locate a motorist who reported seeing the object.

On April 24, 1964, Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora saw what he described as a four-legged, egg-shaped object with at least two persons aboard.

At least one other person, an unidentified tourist traveling north on old U.S. 85, was quoted as saying he saw the UFO just before it landed in the area. Opal Grinder, who was manager of a Socorro service station at that time, reported the tourist, a man, remarked that aircraft flew low in the Socorro area.

Grinder said there were several helicopters in the area. He quoted the tourist as replying that it was a "funny-looking helicopter if that is what it was." Grinder quoted the man as saying the object flew directly over his car.

Grinder, unaware of Zamora's sighting, said he attached no importance to the report then.

Dr. Hynek told the Las Cruces Sun-News that in an effort to establish the Socorro sighting, he authorized the $100 reward, which will go to persons knowing the whereabouts of the motorist. Dr. Hynek, who is a consultant to the Air Force on UFO sightings, said persons who would know the motorist should contact Dr. Hynek at Northwestern University.

1 - 15 MAY 1964 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
May	Newark, New Jersey	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
May	Munhall, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
1	30.20N 176.00W (Pacific)	Military Air	Satellite
1	Mehlville, Missouri	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS/JUPITE
1	North Carver, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
1	Las Vegas, Nevada	[redacted] (PHOTOS)	Balloon
3	35.10N 174.40W (Pacific)	Military Air	Satellite
3	Canberra, Australia	[redacted]	1. Satellite 2. Astro (STAR)
4	Des Plaines, Illinois	[redacted]	Aircraft
4	Boise, Idaho	Multiple Civilians	Other (FLARE)
4	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	Military	Astro (VENUS)
5	Savannah, Georgia	[redacted]	Aircraft
5	Middletown, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
5	Outlook, Montana	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
5	Toledo, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
5	43.10N 174.00W(Pacific)	Military Air	Satellite
DR 6	Yellow Springs, Ohio	[redacted] (PHYS SPEC)	Other (Part of B-57
8	Red Feather Lakes, Colorado	[redacted]	Satellite
9	Huntsville, Alabama	[redacted]	Other (CONFLICTING
9	Ashville, North Carolina	Multiple Civilian	Other (MISINTERPRET OF CONVENTIONAL OBJ
9	Chicago, Illinois	[redacted]	UNIDENTIFIED
10	Warrensville Heights, Ohio	[redacted]	Satellite
11	Kettering, Ohio	[redacted]	Aircraft
11	21.50N 153.30W (Pacific)	Civilian Air	Other (FLARES)
13	Newman, Texas/Carlsbad, New Mexico	Military Air & Ground	Astro (BETELGEUX)
13	Denver, Colorado	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
14	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Astro (VENUS)
15	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Balloon
15	Dayton, Ohio	[redacted]	Satellite

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Summer	Skokie, Illinois	Form 164	
May	Euclid, Ohio	Newsclipping	
1	Walsenburg, Colorado	Newsclipping	
2	Sumner, New Mexico	[redacted] (Ltr)	
2	Shamokin, Pennsylvania	Newsclipping	
3	Mentor, Ohio	Newsclipping	
5 5	Pretoria, South Africa	Newsclipping	
6	Dublin, Ireland	Newsclipping	
7	Hillsborough, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
8	Southern New Mexico	Newsclipping	
9	Mogadore, Ohio	Newsclipping	
11-12	Grangeville, Idaho	Newsclipping	
12	Sussex, England	Newsclipping	
13	Rio Vista, California	Newsclipping	
13	Bedfordshire, England	Newsclipping	
14	Meadowbrook, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
15	Geneva, Ohio	Newsclipping	
15	Ashtabula, Ohio	Newsclipping	

NARRATIVE OF SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO SIGHTING, 24 APRIL 1964

Shortly after 5:30 pm on Friday, 24 April 1964 Sgt Lonnie Zamora of the Socorro Police Department was chasing a speeding auto North on U S 85 in the line of duty. While in pursuit he heard a roar and saw flames in an area where a dynamite shack was known to be located. He abandoned chase of the auto and proceeded to where he thought an explosion had occurred. In order to reach this spot he had to travel a little-used road over several hills and gullies. After two or three efforts to drive his car up a gravel-covered incline he reached a crest where the object was visible. At this point, 800 ft from the object, he observed what he thought to be a car overturned and standing on its end. There were one or two objects described as coveralls which he assumed to be occupants of the vehicle. He radioed in to police headquarters that he was proceeding to investigate a 10-74 (auto accident). Proceeding up the road to a point about 150 ft from the gully where the object was, he stopped the car, got out, and headed toward the object. The object was on girderlike legs, white (not chrome) and egg shaped or oval. As he approached the object there were some noises and flame and smoke began to come from the bottom of the vehicle. The noise increased from low pitch to high pitch, was different from that of a jet or helo and not like anything Sgt Zamora had ever heard. The flame was blue like a welders torch, turning to orange or yellow at the ends. Thinking that the object was going to explode he became frightened. The time was approximately 1745 (1 1/2 hours before sunset), the sun was to his back, slightly to the right. He turned, ran back to get behind the police car, bumping his leg and losing his glasses on the way. He crouched down, shielding his eyes with his arm while the noise continued for another 10 seconds. At this time the noise stopped and he looked up. The object had risen to a point about 15-20 ft above the ground and the flame and smoke had ceased to come from the object. The object had a red marking about 1 ft or maybe 18 inches in height, shaped like a crescent with a vertical arrow and horizontal line underneath. The object hovered in this spot for several seconds and then flew off in a SW direction following the contour of the gully. It cleared the dynamite shack by not more than 3 ft. He watched the object disappear in the distance over a point on Highway 85 about 6 miles from where he was standing. The object took about 3 minutes to travel that far. Disappearance was by fading in the distance and at no time did he observe the object to rise more than 20 ft off the ground.

While proceeding to the location when the object was assumed to be an auto Sgt Zamora was in radio contact with police headquarters. The State Police use the same network and his call was monitored by Sgt Chavez of the New Mexico State Police. Sgt Zamora attempted

to direct Sgt Chavez to the location while he was driving toward the object. Sgt Chavez took the wrong road, and was, in fact heading in the opposite directinn for part of the time and would not have been in a position to see the object. He arrived at the point where Sgt Zamora was parked about three minutes after the object had disappeared. Sgt Zamora was pale and upset at what he had witnessed. Sgt Chavez was skeptical of the situation and proceeded to where Zamora had observed the object. Here he found the marks and burns. Smoke appeared to be coming from a bush which was burned but no flame or coals were visible. Sgt Chavez broke a limb from the bush and it was cold to the touch. The marks were fresh and no other marks were in the area. Diagonals of the four impressions intersect in a perpendicular and the major distance seems to be approximately 13 ft. Sgt Chavez secured the area and contacted local military authorities. This resulted in the investigation of the sighting.

Memo, from Capt Quintanilla, 27 April 1964

TO: Colonel de Jonckheere

At 0715, 26 April, when I reported for duty as OD, I was informed by Major Sameshima, 25 April OD, that he had received a UFO report via telephone at 2130 EST, 25 April, from the 1005th Special Investigation Group, Washington, D C. The UFO report had been received by the 1005th from Lt Col King, CID, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Lt Col King had read about the sighting in the local newspaper and had also been provided data by the FBI. The FBI was informed of the sighting by the New Mexico State Police. The New Mexico State Police arrived at the scene at approximately 1728 MST and three minutes after the object took off with a roar and disappeared to the West. The witness claims that he saw a ball shaped object approximately 15 feet long and two white objects which resembled white coveralls. When the Army at White Sands heard of the incident, they roped off the area and the FBI in Albuquerque proceded to the ara. They confirmed that "something" had been there and the army took soil samples of 4" x 5" impressions which were found where the alleged vehicle had landed. The impressions appeared to be burned and the surround area was clean.

At 0330, 26 April, Col Cole from the Air Force Command Post called to see if any follow up action had been taken. At 0430 26 April, Col Harris from the Emergency Action Group, JCS communications Center called and wanted additional details, especially names. At 0539 26 April, Col Perkins from the Air Force Command Post called and suggested we get in touch with Capt Holden from White Sands, at 0728 26 April, I placed a call to the OD at Kirkland and asked him to locate Sgt Moody for me. Sgt Moody is presently on TDY at Kirkland on Project Cloud Gap. At 0945 Sgt Moody called and I asked him to get together with the UFO reporting officer at Kirkland and investigate the sighting. At 1125 Major Connor, Kirland UFO reporting officer, and Sgt Moody called and I suggested the manner in which they should conduct the investigation and the people whom they should contact. Major Connor and Sgt Moody left for White Sands after my phone call equipped with a Geiger Counter.

At 2135 I received a telephone call from Sgt Moody who was now back at Kirkland. Major Connor and Sgt Moody had talked with the witness Lonnie Zamora. Mr Zamora is the Soccorro, New Mexico Deputy Marshall. He uses the same radio frequency as the New Mexico State Police and that is the reason the New Mexico State Police arrived at the scene as fast as they did. Mr Zamora called the New Mexico State Police over his radio when he was scared by the vehicle. At his closest observation, he was 103 feet from the object. Major Connor and Sgt Moody measured the area of alleged landing for radiation - no radiation was present. Photos of the area were taken and will be on the way 27 April.

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Sgt Sam Charez of the New Mexico State Police was interviewed by Major Connor and Sgt Moody. He could add little to the investigation except that he arrived at the scene about three minutes after the incident happened and that Mr Zamora was scared.

Major Connor's formal report will be on the way on 27 April. He will include copies of Lt Col Kings report, the FBI report, and possibly the soil analysis report if he receives it in time, otherwise it will come later.

At the present time we don't know what it was, but Major Conner and Sgt Moody are still checking. They'll check out the Helicopter activity today.

When Sgt Moody called, he was getting ready to accompany Lt Col King on another alleged sighting. Everybody wants to get into the Act!

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Captain, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch

Summary of UFO Report received by phone on 25 April 1964:

Caller: Captain Theodore W. Cuny, 1005th Special Investigation Group, Wash.

Called at 2130 EST, 25 April

Call received by OD (Maj K S Sameshima)

UFO data was received by Capt Cuny from a Lt Col King, Counter Intelligence Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, who in turn read about it in the local newspaper and also was provided data by the FBI.

The alleged UFO sighting took place at about 1800 MST on 24 April. The object allegedly was witnessed in a rural area on the Stallion Range Center, Cocorro, New Mexico.

The alleged witness was a reputable local police officer by the name of Lonnie Damora. Damora was chasing a speeding motorist when he saw the object from the road at a distance of about 200 feet. He claims to have seen two men in white overalls get into the silver colored foot-ball shaped object about 15 feet long. The vehicle allegedly took off with a roar, rose to an altitude of 20 feet and disappeared rapidly to the west.

Upon being informed of this, the Army (a Captain R T Holder of White Sands) roped off the area. Also the FBI at Albuburque proceeded to the area, and allegedly confirmed that "something" had been there. They reportedly found 4"x5" impressions in the ground somewhat like stand legs; the impressions appeared burned--none of the other area appeaed to be burned.m The newspaper stated that the Army took soil samples.

The above is all Capt Cuny could report.

It is sugested that Lt Col King, Albuquerque 268-2107 be contacted for proper questioning of Lonnie Damora.

26 April

0330 Col Cole, AF Com. Post called - wanted to know if there is any follow-up action being taken on call last nite to LT. Contact.

0430 Col Harris, Emerg. Action Gp, JCS Com Ctr called -- wanted additional details, esp. names.

0530 Col Perkins, AF Com Post called - suggested we touch base with Capt Hoiden 835-1385 thru SCAN White-Sands

Damora interviewed by Sgt Chavez, New Mexico State Police

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TDEW/UFO

UFO Sighting Socorro, New Mexico 14 May 1964

Test Support Officer (Col K. Young)
Test Hqs, Project Cloud Gap
NAS, Los Alamitos, California

1. The Pictorial Branch of the Secretary of the Air Force Informative Office has been overwhelmed by queries regarding an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) which was sighted on 24 April 1964 in the Socorro, New Mexico area. People have been asking the President, their Congressman, and the Secretary of the Air Force for an explanation of this sighting.

2. The object which was observed in Socorro, New Mexico exhibited the characteristics of a heliocopter or a vehicle whichhas the characteristics of a VTO. In this respect, you or one of your people might be able to help us find the answer to this riddle. Any information which you might be able to supply will be appreciated. Colonel Moss from AFX-PD-PA has informed us that Project Cloud Gap might have had some activity in the Socorro Area on 24 April 1964. The activity could have been planned, authorized, unauthorized or it could have been a vehicle which strayed from its flight plan. Our interest lies in finding an explanation for the sighting and not what the vehicle was doing in the Socorro area.

3. It is most urgent that we receive a reply as soon as possible. Feel free to call the Aerial Phenomena Branch, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ext 69216/66378 as soon as you have any positive or negative information.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR QUINTANILLA JR
Captain, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena
Branch

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Resume of Socorro Sighting

OFFICIAL FILE COPY

M/R: On 18 May 1964 TSgt Moody called Mr Opal Grinder at 835-9916 in Socorro New Mexico regarding the article appearing in the Socorro ElDefansor & Chieftan concerning an additional witness to the Zamora sighting. Mr Grinder manages the Whting Brothers Service Station. He could give no information other than that appearing inthe newspaper article. He did not remember the type of car or license. He assumed that the occupant was going or returning from vacation, due to luggage and clothing in the car. The car xxxhad a single occupant. He stated that the witness said the object came from the East over the highway and had remarked about the low altitude and odd appearance of the craft.

He will be on the look out in case the witness returns to Socorro.

M/R: Capt Quintanilla contacted the FTD liaison office at Holloman AFB regarding the Socorro sighting and requested that he, Maj Mitchell make discreet inquiry as to a possible vehicle which may have caused the sighting.

During the latter part of May Lt Col Conkey visited W-P AFB, and at this time informed Capt Quintanilla that he had no knowledge of a vehicle at White Sands capable of causing the sighting as described by Lonnie Zamora.

TDEW/Capt H Quintanilla/69216

Request for Identification of Markings 27 May 64

FAA Control Systems Division
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir,

The attached marking has been observed and reported to the USAF in connection with an unidentified flying object sighting at Socorro, New Mexico. The Air Force is investigating the case and identification of this marking would assist in determining the cause of the sighting. The marks were estimated to be about one foot to eighteen inches in height, colored red. Any assistance which you may offer will be greatly appreciated. The attached TWX indicates the high level of interest in this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

2 Atchs
1. Marking
2. TWX

Excerpt from letter J Douglas Stewart

"With reference to the marking of U.S. X A/C, the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 14, Pars 1-19, has some very specific things to say about how our A/C must be marked, experimental and otherwise. Also, a x civilian firm must apply for an Experimental Certificate on Form ACA-305 (Para. 1.74-1) .... and 3-D drawings of the A/C. As I'm sure you know ....x FAA's Control Systems Division in Oklahoma City."

FS-970

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IN REPLY REFER TO: FS-970

AIR MAIL

Eric T. de Jonckheere
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems
Air Force Systems Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of May 27, 1964, we are unable to furnish any information as to the type markings you submitted for our examination.

United States registration markings for civil aircraft are preceded by the alpha "N" followed by one-to-five digits, one-to-four digits followed by one letter, or one-to-three digits followed by two letters, displayed in twelve-inch characters. We have no knowledge of any particular country using symbols as reference to their registration.

If we may be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

f Jimmy E. Dickey
Jay H. Moody, Manager
Control Systems
Data Establishment

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PROJECT CLOUD GAP
TEST HEADQUARTERS
U.S. NAVAL AIR STATION
Los Alamitos, California

IN REPLY REFER TO:
CG-12/pjk
20 May 1964

Captain Hector Quintanilla Jr.
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Headquarters Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear Captain Quintanilla,

Reference is made to my phone call this morning. I have talked to Major Casper who was the Cloud Gap Field Operations Officer at Albuquerque, based at Kirtland AFB, during the time this incident took place. Cloud Gap operations were conducted in an area about a hundred miles north of Socorro, New Mexico. Cloud Gap personnel did not have any equipment nor special clothing which could possibly be related to the description provided by police officer Lonnie Zamora.

Since certain aerial surveillance flights were being conducted by Navy aircraft, RA 5C's, in the area in question, a check on such flights revealed none were flown on 24 April 1964 in connection with Cloud Gap.

We have no information on this sighting other than that provided by your SGT MOODY who was a participant on our project and that picked up from the newspapers.

I have enclosed an article found in the Los Angeles Time of 20 May which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Young
KENNETH A. YOUNG
Colonel, USAF

46 OFFICIAL CASES, 25 Apr - 17 May 64. 5 CASES of sightings in 1963 or early 1964 reported subsequent to Socorro Sightings

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO AREA

25 Apr	Socorro	Unidentified Observer	Rotaing Navigation Beacon
26 Apr	LaMadera	Gallegos	Fire in dump
27 Apr	Edgewood, N Mexico	Adams	Hoax
28 Apr	Albuquerque	Sharon Stull	Dr Report, Conjunctivitis caused by dust wind, etc

(Also reports of ECHO, Venus and night photo missions accounted for 10-15 other reports answered by phone at local level, Sgt Moody and Major Conner's, and no formal reports turned in.)

OTHER REPORTS

19-25 Apr	Miles City, Montana	Insufficient Data
22 Apr	Mosinee, Wisc (Reported 28 Apr)	ECHO I
25-26 Apr	Phoenix, Arizona (w/Photos)	A/C (Photo Mission)
28 Apr	Miamisburg, Ohio	Venus
28 Apr	Minot AFB, South Dakota (w/Radar)	A/C
28-29 Apr	San Jose, Calif	Balloon
29 Apr	Pacific	Satellite
30 Apr	San Jose, Calif	Venus
Early May	Ashville, North Carolina (Multiple)	Other (Misinterpretation of Conventional objects)
1 May	Mehlville, Mo	Venus
1 May	St George, Utah (Film/no object)	Balloon
1 May	Pacific	Prob Satellite
1 May	North Carver, Mass	Venus
4 May	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	1. Venus 2. Balloon
4 May	Boise, Idaho	Flares
5 May	Middletown, Ohio	Venus
6 May	Outlook, Montana	Hoax
6 May	Yellow Springs, Ohio (Phs Spec)	Part of Crashed B57
6 May	Savannah, Georgia	A/C
6 May	Pacific	Satellite
8 May	Ft Collins, Colorado	ECHO I
9 May	Chicago, Ill	Meteor
10 May	Warrensville Heights, Ohio	ECHO I
11 May	Hawaii	Flares
11 May	Kettering, Ohio	A/C
13 May	Denver, Colorado	(Pending)
13 May	Caresbad, New Mexico	Astro (Star/Planet)
14 May	Dayton, Ohio	Venus
15 May	Dayton, Ohio	ECHO
15 May	Dayton, Ohio	Balloon
16 May	Dayton, Ohio	A/C
16 May	Dayton, Ohio	Insuff/Data
17 May	Canton - Akron, Ohio	A/C
17 May	Wilmington, Ohio	Insuff Data

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THE FOLLOWING SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED TO THE AIR FORCE AND MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO SIGHTING:

1. 26, Apr 64, Grants, New Mexico sighting of a large white light shining down and illuminating the terrain and also criss crossing US Route 66 was caused by an a/c on a Low Level Photo Reconnaissance Mission or Project Cloud Gap. Incidentally the photos which the observer claims he took with the camera did not come out.

2. 28 Apr 64, Santa Cruz Mountain Range sighting has been evaluated as a balloon and a sighting by the same observers, but at a later time in the day, has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

3. 28 Apr 64, Miamisburg, Ohio sighting has been evaluated as a searchlight.

4. 1 May 64, St Louis, Mo sighting has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

5. 1 May 64, St George, Utah sighting has been evaluated as a balloon.

6. 2 May 64, North Carver, Massachusetts has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

7. 4 May 64, Clovis, New Mexico multiple sighting has been evaluated as a balloon.

8. 5 May 64, Boise, Idaho sighting has been evaluated as a flare.

9. 5 May 64, Middletown, Ohio sighting has been evaluated as the Planet Venus.

10. 6 May 64, Glasgow, Montana sighting has been evaluated as possibly [illegible]. We can't say for sure that it is Venus because they failed to tell us how long they observed the object.

11. 6 May 64, Savannah, Georgia, sighting has been evaluated as a balloon.

Venus - 4. 2 [illegible] 10.

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Dr. Donald Menzel
Mrs. Lyle Boyd
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Don and Lyle:

At long last I am prepared to make a reply to your letter of February 19.

I am also enclosing a piece of the identical type of cardboard originally picked up by me at the landing site. The only difference between this cardboard and the one that I picked up and turned into the Air Force is that the original piece had charred edges which may or may not have had any connection with the alleged landing. But that it was charred I will attest to. This sort of cardboard gets caught under many of the bushes in that area. As you know the winds there can get very high in the windy season, and you not only see tumbleweeds batting across the country, but papers, old lunch boxes, packing crates, etc. also merrily batting along. These get wedged in under the bushes and stay there to weather sometimes for a year or more, I would judge. This cardboard, as you can see, has plainly been weathered quite some time and is hardly the kind that would have been used to fake a model of a spaceship.

I should mention that I discussed this whole matter with Major Quintanilla, and he and I are in agreement on what follows:

In my visit to Socorro, I determined that Zamora had been urged by the Mayor to get into the movie and that he himself had been rather reluctant to do so. The movie is due to have its world premiere in Socorro, and I am hoping to get down to see it!

I don't think we can say too much about the flame which could be pretty subjective. A swirl of dust, etc. might from the distance have been interpreted as a flame. As far as smoke or a burning bush, etc., I couldn't get anyone to say at this time that they had seen smoke or that anything was burning. Chavez insisted only on the fact that a greasewood bush appeared to be charred in spots or rather seared and that the searing was highly localized. Greasewood is notoriously hard to ignite, and a match or ordinary flame held to it hardly affects it. Chavez said that the burns appeared as though intense but localized flames had seared the grass and the ushes, but remarked that right next to a seared portion he found portions quite untouched. Again, I don't know how much credence can be placed on all the burning bush, etc. I think we must go to other major points.

The hoax hypothesis is, of course, one that suggests itself immediately. It is Quintanilla's and my opinion that both Chavez and FBI agent Byrnes must have been in on the hoax if we adopt the hoax hypothesis. They testified that there were no tracks in the immediate neighborhood and so that the hoaxsters must themselves have arrived and left by balloon! Had it been a hoax, certainly some paraphernalia should have been left around if the pranksters beat a hasty retreat. These gentlemen said that nothing of that short was fund.

The wind was blowing strongly from the south, yet the object was reported to have gone on directly west. This would hardly fit a balloon, unless, of course, the directions are wrong. I questioned and requestioned the people on this point and couldn't shake them from that.

Pranksters could have hidden behind the knoll directly to the south, particularly had they lain prone. The dynamite shack is too small and too far away to have risked hiding behind it.

Opal Grinder does have a highschool student working for him, and I talked with him at length. Teenagers generally hate Zamora's guts, but it was added that they hate all "fuzz" and that if they wanted to get even with Zamora, they would simply beat him up or do something more direct, like letting the air out of his tires or something with immediate results rather than resort to an involved hoax. Opal Grinder, of course, would have to be in on the hoax, also. He again told me the story of the tourist who said that he had sighted a strange object crossing directly in front of him on the road and landing in the gully, and toward which an instant or so later, he saw a police car going. I checked out the time on that, and it fits. Opal Grinder's wife was just preparing to get to the bank before it closed at six (apparently she takes the week's loot to the bank on Friday's just before they close). The sighting as you know, was supposedly at 5:45 P. M.

Some of the high school students do have walkies-talkies, but the hoax hypothesis does involve Chavez, Opal Grinder, and FBI agent Byrnes; the reported tourist would have to be mythical.

Zamora knew exactly where the dynamite shack was, because this is precisely why he left the road when he heard the noise. He thought there had been an explosion in the dynamite shack.

The dynamite shack does not stand on legs as I have inspected it closely and have taken photographs. The shack and the reported UFO must be considered distinct.

Furthermore, I doubt very much whether a hoax could have been kept secret this long. If a hoax comes off well, perpetrators like to gloat abit, and there would have been no point about getting even with Zamora if they couldn't have gotten some kudos out of it. La Paz once told me of an instance in which some college students wanted to get even with a geology professor so they planted a "meteorite" and contrived an explosion at some distant part of the state, and had this poor professor running around ragged chasing a meteorite. The perpetrators, however, were caught and expelled from school because they simply couldn't keep their secret. They "confided" to friends who in turn confided to others, and there you are.

But waiving all that aside, the things that would seem to militate against a hoax are the fact that no tracks coming to or going from the region were found, minutes after the sighting occurred; paraphernalia was not located, again within minutes; Chavez and the FBI agent would have to have been in on the hoax; and finally, the object took off crosswind. Paraphernalia I refer to would have been ropes, launching equipment, gas tanks, etc. which would have been difficult to dispose of in a few minutes and certainly without making any tracks. You say "the whole thing could have easily been planned to come off as it did." I think otherwise; itwwould have been quite difficult to have a thing like this come off, even as to the original timing. Zamora did not have a regular patrol route so his approximate whereabouts would not be known at a given time. I questioned Chavez on this, and Zamora patrols the whole town in an unscheduled fashion. By the way, there is no local UFO club. The fake UFO would have had to have been rather sizable since it looked to Zamora like an overturned car, upended, first off from a considerable distance.

You suggest that when Zamora's car crested the hill, the hoaxers triggered another blast of flame and released the UFO, and ran like hell. The terrain is such that when a car crests the hill, it suddenly comes upon the site. There simply would not have been time to wait until this happened to release the UFO and then hide; not unless there were elaborate ropes and wires running over some distance on the ground. As long as Zamora wears his glasses, his eyesight is good, and you must remember that he did not lose the glasses until after he saw the flame and thought the object was about to explode.

Your suggestion that we re-enact the event is more difficult than you think. I have not yet discovered how to make a balloon go off cross-wind or to wait to release it and cause an explosion until someone was just one hundred feet away from me, and then disappear and hide "instantaneously." If the purported balloon release had been by means of delay mechanism, with the hoaxsters having had time to hide, then the release mechanism or some parts of it would have been left behind as tell-tale evidence.

Zamora is having his troubles; the boys he picks up are rather direct. Zamora stopped a teenage speeder, and the kid fired back at Zamora, "What are you giving me a ticket for? Don't you know a flying saucer might come down on you any minute?" You may say that this strengthens the hoax hypothesis, but on the other hand it is a perfectly natural remark for kids to make to a man held up to ridicule for having "seen things."

I come back also to the trenchant fact that Zamora was a thoroughly scared person. Chavez has remarked this to me a number of times, that never in his long association with Zamora has he seen him in anything at all approaching the state he was in when Chavez joined him. I honestly don't think a small gas-filled balloon carrying a cardboard spaceship could have frightened a gruff, practical type like Zamora who is used to accidents, bloodshed, fights, and even murders. We all seem to agree that Zamora saw something that really and truly frightened him.

It seems much more likely to me that he saw a strange test craft which is super secret. The flaws in this reasoning are that if it is so super secret why would anyone be landing a half mile south of a town. Why, also, have we been unable to unearth from various agencies any classified clues as to such goings-on?

The year 1964 had fifteen other unidentified cases besides Zamora's. I investigated two others, one a very interesting incident which occurred to two graduate students in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin along with their mother-in-law and their kid sister. They were "buzzed" by some strange craft; after talking with them for nearly two hours, I came away still puzzled. A radio announcer in Toledo, Ohio, who when leaving the station at night, saw a similar array of lights hover in a wheat field by the side of the road he was walking on.

There is no question that a mighty folklore is being built up in this whole field. Someday, it might be worthwhile to document all this for the benefit of historians who will look back on this era. I believe I have found one generalization which, being a generalization, is subject to all the ills of generalizations, but be that as it may: the people who believe in flying saucers are generally distinct from those people who report them. This is Hynek's Axiom No. 1 and is as full of holes as Swiss cheese, but it has struck me many times that the "believers" are so thoroughly wishful in their thinking that they just don't need any personal experience to bolster their faith. Any newspaper clipping or any rumor is all the fuel they need. They have their fan clubs, and their meetings as they get a cheap thrill out of vilifying the Air Force and in "gee-whizzing" each other.

On the other hand, the rest & the reports of UFO's that I have come across are from people who have had little contact with UFO material previously, remain skeptical even though they have had an experience that they can't understand, and are generally quite reticent about saying anything about it as first. Very frequently they are articulate and solid citizens, and, in talking to them, one gathers that they wish the whole thing hadn't happened to them. Time and again, they will write to ask that I please tell them what they saw, or they will write "I don't ever want to see anything like this again." They do not join UFO Clubs after their experience and generally do not care to talk about the experience. When they do make the mistake of talking about it, they find that ridicule is their reward, and although I can't document it, I feel certain that their social life is affected and that even jobs and promotions have been lost by their having reported their experiences in the first place."

It is reports such as these that constitute the phenomenon to which I feel more attention should be paid. It is easy to dismiss the cases of birds, balloons, meteors, and the like, but when good citizens of average or better than average intelligence, and above all, sincere citizens report something puzzling, I think we have some sort of social obligation to do as good a job on it as we can. I don't like a mystery any more than you do and these series of "unidentifieds" down the years I regard as rather a blot on the escutcheon. Somehow, as scientists, we should be able to (if we are given the opportunity) come up with answers that would stand up in court, but I am still somewhat of a voice crying in the wilderness in this respect. The Air Force is not primarily a scientific organization, and its concern in these

matters is to determine whether UFO reports contain any hostile elements. If they do not, it is not in the Air Force charter, so to speak, to conduct lengthy investigations as to the nature of the stimulus that gave rise to the report.

Of course, I have come to regard all this as rather a hobby; there is such a delicious variety of reports and of the people making them. As long as it does not take too much time, I enjoy talking to people who have made the reports and, of course, waste no time on them as soon as I discover they are off the beam. But take these two graduate students in anthropology at the University of Wisconsin; they live in a typical sort of house that young married graduate students live in, with some avant-garde paintings and a scattering of New Yorkers and the ubiquitous hi-fi set. They are people that you and I know and have associated most of our lives. I honestly would like to be able to give their case the time I think it deserves. This would mean not only re-enacting the crime with them and visiting the locale of the sighting under similar temporal and meteorlogical conditions, but it might involve house-to-house canvass of people in the area. You made mention in your letter that "had the sighting been related to a bank robbery or murder some rather obvious clues might have been better followed." I heartily agree. If a good UFO case were related to a counterfeit or narcotics ring, think of the funds the government would spend in tracking down every possible clue. But I guess that it would be hard to justify the expenditure of taxpayers' money just to satisfy your and my curiosity. Some of the cases that we have classed as "ball lightning" should certainly have been followed up more closely, I think, because as in the Lock Haven Dam Case, ball lightning that is several feet in diameter and lasts many minutes might lead to the solution of the magnetic bottle problem! Is it really possible for ball lightning to be so large and to last so long? Naturally, the first thing is to find out whether it really was that large and whether it really did last that long? ~~Naturally, the first thing is to find out whether it really was that large and whether it really did last that long.~~ This could be a full time job!

Vallee's book will be published June 15. I have acceded to his request, somewhat reluctantly, to be quoted on the dust jacket to the effect that his suggestion that UFO's be given increased scientific attention should be given serious consideration. This is, of course, what I have been saying all along because a mystery makes me uncomfortable, and I don't like to have these unidentified things hanging around, particularly when they are capitalized on by the cultists, etc. I would really like to see a really good report made by several witnesses of good intelligence investigated to the bone and then to have a paper written on the case, much in the manner a M. D. would write up a case study of an extra large goiter or a rare tropical disease. I would like to see them written up as "The Case of the Lighted Bridge" or "The Case of the Toledo Lights" or "The Case of the Baffled Anthropologists." Vallee's book, incidentally, is entitled Anatomy of a Phenomenon and makes for good reading.

Coming back to the Socorro case: I'm sorry that I couldn't have been of any more help. Both Quintanilla and I find it impossible to dismiss it as a hoax unless we have some evidence that there was a hoax. I feel that if it was a hoax, this fact must leak out sooner or later if we keep in touch with some citizens of Socorro over a considerable length of time. Perhaps this is our best means of attacking this particular problem. I am to visit

there at least once a year (on my way to Las Cruces) just to see if anything has turned up. Sometimes confessions come years afterwards.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to seeing both of you in Cambridge this summer. As you may know, we have rented a house at 57 Avon Hill Street. I hope very much that we can spend some pleasant evenings, the three of us, arguing cases.

All is well here. The 24-inch in New Mexico gets delivered in about a month, and construction has started on the 40-inch for the observatory here. Sorry to have been so late in answering your letter, but here it is anyway.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

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Report on the Trip to Socorro - Albuquerque - Socorro, March 12-13, 1965

Left Las Cruces 7:45 A. M., Friday, March 12. Arived Socorro 10:30 A. M. and had an immediate conference with Mr. ~~Chet~~ Ted Raynor, Editor of the El Denfensor Chieftan, the Socorro newspaper. Our first subject was the movie that had been made by the Empire Films whose address in Hollywood is 7417 Sunset Blvd., ~~and~~ A name connected with it is Morry Malkin; a phone number is AC 213, 876-6800. Malkin is coming back to Socorro in a few weeks to arrange for the world premiere of the UFO movie in Socorro. This will be a white tie affair probably! Do you think the Air Force official consultant should be present at this world premiere? He does not think so. It would be exciting, but it would also give needless significance and importance to the picture. I think we had at best ignore it.

However, I learned through the grapevine that the picture is to have a Washington, D. C. preview in about three or four weeks and that Senator Symington is interested in it. We had better get Maston Jacks office, or whoever is running the show now, on to this if at all possible. That is one preview that I should attend if at all possible. The scuttlebutt ~~picture~~ has it that the picture contains movies taken in Milan, Italy of a UFO landing with a little man getting out of it. ~~This~~ Rumor also has it that the Empire Film Studios paid $40,000 for that Milan, Italy filmstrip. Apparently they have sunk quite a bit of money into this picture and expect to have it shown in many movie houses throughout the country and then shortly thereafter to release it for TV use. The film runs 86 minutes.

I found the situation in Socorro largely unchanged. Zamora is still generally believed, but the current feeling seems to be that there is no question ~~but~~ that he saw something real, but that it was most likely a super-secret device being tested. I was asked many times whether I was really sure that the U. S. government didn't have a super secret project. I pointed out that if this were the case, that it would be unlikely that we would be testing

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
24 April 1964

2. LOCATION
Socorro, New Mexico

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1745
GMT 25/0045Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
- [x] Ground-Visual
- [ ] Ground-Radar
- [ ] Air-Visual
- [ ] Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
- [ ] Yes Physical Spec
- [x] No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
Less than 10 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
Stationary, SW or West

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Sighting of landing by Lonnie Zamora.

SEE CASE FILE.

11. COMMENTS
Initially believed to be observation of Lunar module type cofiguration. Effort to date cannot place vehicle at site. Case carried as UNIDENTIFIED pending additional data.

12. CONCLUSIONS
- [ ] Was Balloon
- [ ] Probably Balloon
- [ ] Possibly Balloon
- [ ] Was Aircraft
- [ ] Probably Aircraft
- [ ] Possibly Aircraft
- [ ] Was Astronomical
- [ ] Probably Astronomical
- [ ] Possibly Astronomical
- [ ] Other UNIDENTIFIED
- [ ] Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- [ ] xUnknown

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it on a global basis, and the UFO phenomenon, apart from the Socorro case, is certainly not limited to the United States.

After these discussions in ~~Texxitxxi~~ the editorial offices, Rather and I went out for lunch and asked Sgt. Chaves to join us. While we were waiting for him, I showed Rather the letter from Menzel and his comments about parts of it were, "Childish." But we went over it point by point, and likewise Chaves did. Chaves' reaction to the letter was rather strange. He had sort of a resigned, almost pathetic look on his face, and said, "I really feel sorry for Lonnie. He's had to take an awful lot."

Then he told of a recent case where Zamora was arresting a kid for speeding, and the kid said, "What do you want to give me a ticket for? Don't you know a flying saucer might come right down on us now?" (or something like that.)

I asked him what the whole movie situation had been concerning Zamora and how it had effected him. He said that Zamora had not wanted to be in the picutre, but it was at the Mayor's insistence, via his boss, that he consented to do so. I can't quite believe this myself. When I talked to Zamora later, he seemed to be reasonably pleased about being in the movie. Clearly, with a world premiere in Socorro, it would be a strange human who did not get some kick out of a thing like that.

I will come back to the Menzel letter later because I discussed it with Dr. La Paz who knows Menzel well. That was the next day in Albuquerque.

I purchased five newspapers which had various stories about the movie or about related matters. The papers were for Tuesday, February 9; Thursday, February 25; Tuesday March 2; Tuesday, March 9; and Thursday, March 11. The first one I think you have; it states, "Socorro Part of Film on UFO's Completed; Zamora's Account Jibes With Sixteen Verified Sightings." The February 25th issue contains a front page story on a UFO sighted over Gallup which, as far as I can see, is nothing more than a meteor. The March 2nd issue contains a lovely story about

"Scientists Indicates Why UFO's Choose Areas for Landing." One Chan P. Thomas of Los Angeles, "a former government scientists," is supposed to be the scientific advisor to Empire Film Studios. His theories as to why UFO's land in New Mexico lack, shall we say, a scientific solidity, in my opinion as he is not listed in the American Men of Science, and I have no knowledge of him personally. There was some question as to whether he should be asked to come to Socorro to give a public lecture on the general subject. Fortunately my advice was asked, and I strongly urged that they not do so unless they find out considerably more about the gentleman's qualifications first. His principal reason for selecting Socorro seems to be the following: "The main one can be directly attributable to the subsurface geology. I would suspect there is a multiplicity of faults, or ------areas wherein sedimentary strata have been tilted to the vertical with the interlayer demarcations being plains largely in the North-South direction. The effects such subsurface deceptions have upon the energy distributions between the earth's core and the Van Allen radiation belt gives the key to the answer." He also states that he has stumbled onto many answers of heretofore unanswerable riddles: What is gravity; Why do planets orbit and rotate; Why do stars burn in nuclear fires; Is the speed of light really a velocity boundary; Can a ship be built which would do everything people who claim they have seen flying saucers say that those vehicles do?" I hardly need say more.

The same issue, however, contains a story of about "UFO Sighted Streaking Over City." "The observer, a Socorro woman who asked that her name be withheld (I have her name, however, a Mrs. Williams,) said the "perfectly round object" with deep yellow or gold light traveled at tremendous speed. She saw the object as it came over Socorro Mountain, and as it passed southeast over the city, it did not seem far above the street light. I was unable to get in touch with this woman, but according to Rainer, this did not have a trail. It seemed to be just a light.

Would you be kind enough to send about ten blank forms to Mr. Ted Raynor, Editor, Socorro El Defensor Chieftan, Socorro, New Mexico, and he can send one of these forms to Mrs. Williams to fill out. The results will be, probably, a meteor. I tried to get in touch with her the next day, but she seemed to be at some sewing circle.

March 9 issue has a story "Film Studios Praise Cooperation Here in Film on UFO's." The letter received from Mr. Michael Mustow (sp.?), a letter sent to Mayor Holm O. Burson, stated, "Phenomena 7.7 is now completed. It will be viewed by countless millions of people throughout the world. It will open the door to facts heretofore shrouded in secrecy. It will prepare the entire human race for a better knowledge of the universe and possible neighbors who may have been observing our earth for centuries."

Finally, the March 11, Thursday, issue has a short article on "Zamora Saw a UFO, Not Flying Saucer." This was in response to a request by Zamora to please say in the paper that he never saw a flying saucer land, only a UFO. In part the article states, "Zamora says he was trying to coperate with persons who asked him about the UFO, which he described as egg-shaped, and he wishes that they would not ask him about a flying saucer which he says he has never seen and cannot describe. The policeman says that the account here stands unchanged from that he gave on April 24 and the following day."

I left for Albuquerque about 2:30 P. M. , arriving at the Institute of Meteoretics, where Dr. Lincoln La Paz was waiting for me, at 4:00 P. M.

Insert A: Raynor showed me a letter from Rev. Guy J. Cyr S. M. (Society of Mary) Sacred Heart Rectory, Lawrence, Mass. dated November 26, 1964. It is a long letter concerned with intelligence on other planets and trying to make out a case for civilization on the moon. The letter was rightfully not published.

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I gave LaPaz a copy of Vallee's book and also the Menzel letter which he took home and by the next morning had read completely the manuscript and the letter. LaPaz is still very concerned about the green fireball incident. Another one was sighted this last Christmas day Night. According to LaPaz, the official investigation never satisfactorily cleared up the question of why these peculiar uranium green fireballs should have chosen New Mexico to fly over and avoid being seen in other states, and why they were so peculiarly grouped. LaPaz is thoroughly convinced that both the green fireballs and Zamora's sighting were observations of tests of advanced vehicles being produced by some project, even more secret than the Manhattan Project. I am afraid that LaPaz is unshakable from this hypothesis. His primary criticism of Vallee's book was that Vallee has ignored the green fireballs whihh, as far as LaPas is concerned, represent the most important part of the UFO phenomenon. It is always just a matter of viewpoint!

LaPaz showed me his excellent meteorite collection and spent much time in general conversation.

He was engaged for the evening, and we met again early the next morning during which time we took the opportunity to meet with the President of the University of New Mexico, Dr. Pokejoy (sp.?), and to establish good -----relations between astronomy at Northwestern and astronomy at New Mexico.

Although LaPaz was impressed with Vallee's book, he felt that his impressive list of references was padded with too many references to unpublished articles or statements. He feels that it is not really a scientific book on the subject (I guess that about in the year 1980 I will have to write a really scientific book on the subject).

Coming now to the Menzel letter, I will consolidate the opinions of LaPaz, Cahves, and of Raynor. I did not show the letter to Zamora because I think it would merely have upset him.

Page 1. I asked Zamora about the reported falme when hw first heard the explosion, when he was still on the highway. He denies every having said anything about a flame at that time, only at the time when he saw it rise from the ground. As a matter of fact, he never mentioned anything like that to me, originally, but this did appear in Captain Holder's original report, and he purportedly got this in conversation with Zamora. However, I think this was in the original newspaper writeup. I will have to agtee with Menzel that this part of Zamora's evidence is very mixed up and suggests some embroidery of the original sighting either by Zamora or by Captain Holder when excitement was running high.

Page 2. I can't agree with Menzel here. When he wears his glasses, his vision is okay. He had the glasses on when he saw the flame at the time the object was preparing to rise. Now this whole question of the "burning bush": I visited the site again on Saturday, with Raynor and Shrode, the owner of the radio station, and at no time was any bush ro grass seen to be burning, and nobody seems to confirm any actual smoke. All that seem definitely to agree on is that the green snakeweed and the green greasewood, which are notoriously hard materials to ignite, showed evidence of having been charred, as though they have been seared by a hot flame, and not burned in an ordinary fashion.

As far as Kids having it in for Zamora, there is ample evidence that this is the case. But it was also pointed out to me by Opelgrinder (sp. ?) and his assistant and by several others, that it is a national phenomenon for teenagers to hate "fuzz" and the statement by Wesley Johnston, a high school senior who works at Opelgrinders is particularly significant. He said that many of the high school kids didn't like Zamora, but that he, Zamora, was not important enough to do anything about it. He said that if the kids wanted to get even with Zamora they would simply thrash him or do something to his car, but that an elaborate hoax would not be the way they would get even with him. One should remember, that before the time of the sighting there had been no talk in the Socorro region of unidentified flying objects. This would not have suggested itself as a means of getting back at Zamora. Apparently the Socorro teenagers are much more direct in their methods of reprisal for the "fuzz." As far as the cardboard is concerned, Menzel's conjectures here fall completely flat. The cardboard was portions of very old and weathered corrugated paper from a packing box. There are many samples of this all over the region. There is a city dump not too far away, and when the wind, which blows tumbleweeds all over the place, gets hold of some of this stuff, it scatters the papers pretty well all over the whole region. Many of the bushes, I noticed particularly this time, have papers caught on their underneath side. In any case, some this paper was still there, and I shall send Menzel a sample of what this cardboard really looks like. I would say that the cardboard had been there through many rains and had suffered successive dryings. The original piece I picked up was definitely charred. This was the piece I sent to you along with soil samples, you will remember.

One rather interesting item is that the burning bush has recently exuded some sap, and one of the movie people took this to Los Angeles to

have it analyzed and found it radioactive! I have also obtained some of the sap which I shall send to you, and maybe Moody can try it out on his super-duper counter. It is odd that no one seemed to have bothered to have checked this area originally for radiation. Or did they?

Menzel's idea that the speeder was a deliberate decoy, who signaled to the hoaxes by walkie-talkie who then released a balloon with a cardboard or aluminum flying saucer attached thereto simply does not hold water. Although some of the students do have walkie-talkies, the fact of the matter is that the wind was from the south, and the object went west. A balloon released at that time would have gone directly over town. Furthermore, they would have had to release it after Zamora got there and have watched the object on the ground for a short time. A previous release would simply have had it well over town by the time Zamora got to the spot.

The dynamite shack does not have legs.

There would have been a place for hoaxes to have hidden over on the other side of the knoll, particularly had they lain prone.

None of the people I talked with gave any credence to the hoax hypothesis, generally considering it to have been far above the capabilities, motivations, and provocations of the hoaxers. Chaves says that Zamora never described the thing as looking like a balloon. Zamora knows exactly where the dynamite shack is. It is plainly visible from the site of the sighting, but about 500 feet to the west.

Zamora does not have any particular schedule for patrolling the town. He has the run of the whole town.

There is no UFO Club in town.

No paraphernalia of a hoax were ever found. It would be rather hard to have done away with all tell-tale evidence, such as tubes of helium, release

mechanism, etc. Finally, it was LaPaz's feeling that had it been a hoax, it surely would have leaked by now. He told me of an elaborate hoax that was played on one of the geologists at Ohio State University when he taught there. The students had it in for this guy and contrived an explosion in a nearby town, and the crater which it produced was reported then as a meteorite crater. It had everybody excited for a while and would have succeeded except those who got away with it were so pleased with themselves that they began to brag a bit and got caught. I do not believe that the Socorro high school students could have kept a secret this long. Furthermore, it would seem that any youngsters that hated Zamora sufficiently to have gone to all this trouble to perpetrate a hoax would now be very envious of the glory he is getting in a movie and all the publicity he has received and would certainly burst his bubble right now. Finally, there is the matter of the tourist who reported a strange object to Opelgrinder. This could not very well have been part of the hoax since the tourist was a complete stranger just passing through. Furthermore, if Zamora is to believed at all, the object rose vertically and took off horizontally to the west and was observed as it passed well over the dynamite shack and disappeared over the pearlite mill. This is entirely too big a hoax for high school students to perpetrate.

Perhaps I spent too much time on this matter, but the letter was a very convenient device for re-discussing the whole situation. Sgt. Chaves indicated that Menzel should have been a science fiction writer. Actually Lyle Boyd has done some of this, and I believe also Menzel has.

I left Albuquerque in the late morning on Saturday and arrived in Socorro about 1:00 P. M. Raynor, Shrode, and I visited the site and took some more samples, particularly of the sap, and I took a few more pictures, particularly of the dynamite shack to show Menzel. Then I went back to the radio station

and tried to call the Empire Film Studio, but it was closed.

In view of the fact that the prevailing opinion in the town still is that what Zamora saw not the result of hallucinations or of a hoax, but a secret test vehicle, what has become of my suggestion to have this left as"an exercise for the students"? It would be a marvelous exercise for neophyte intelligence officers.

There is also the opinion expressed in Socorro, and expressed to me a number of times in the past, by several people (and also by LaPaz) that I am merely a part of a super-smoke screen and so is FTD and Wright Field, and that the whole Project Bluebook is a grand coverup for something the government does not want discussed. Best way to give a lie to this, of course, is to point out that if this were the case, the U. S. government should also have been responsible for the sightings in France, Brazil, Spain, and in England. Maybe the U. S. government has really gone global! On that happy thought I conclude my report.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek

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P. S. I now have a slightly infected finger from the thorns on the bush that was originally charred. The bush drew blood when I attempted to get some soil samples. Undoubtedly, the finger will now wither away from radiation burns. Unfortunately, I do not have interplanetary Blue Cross coverage!

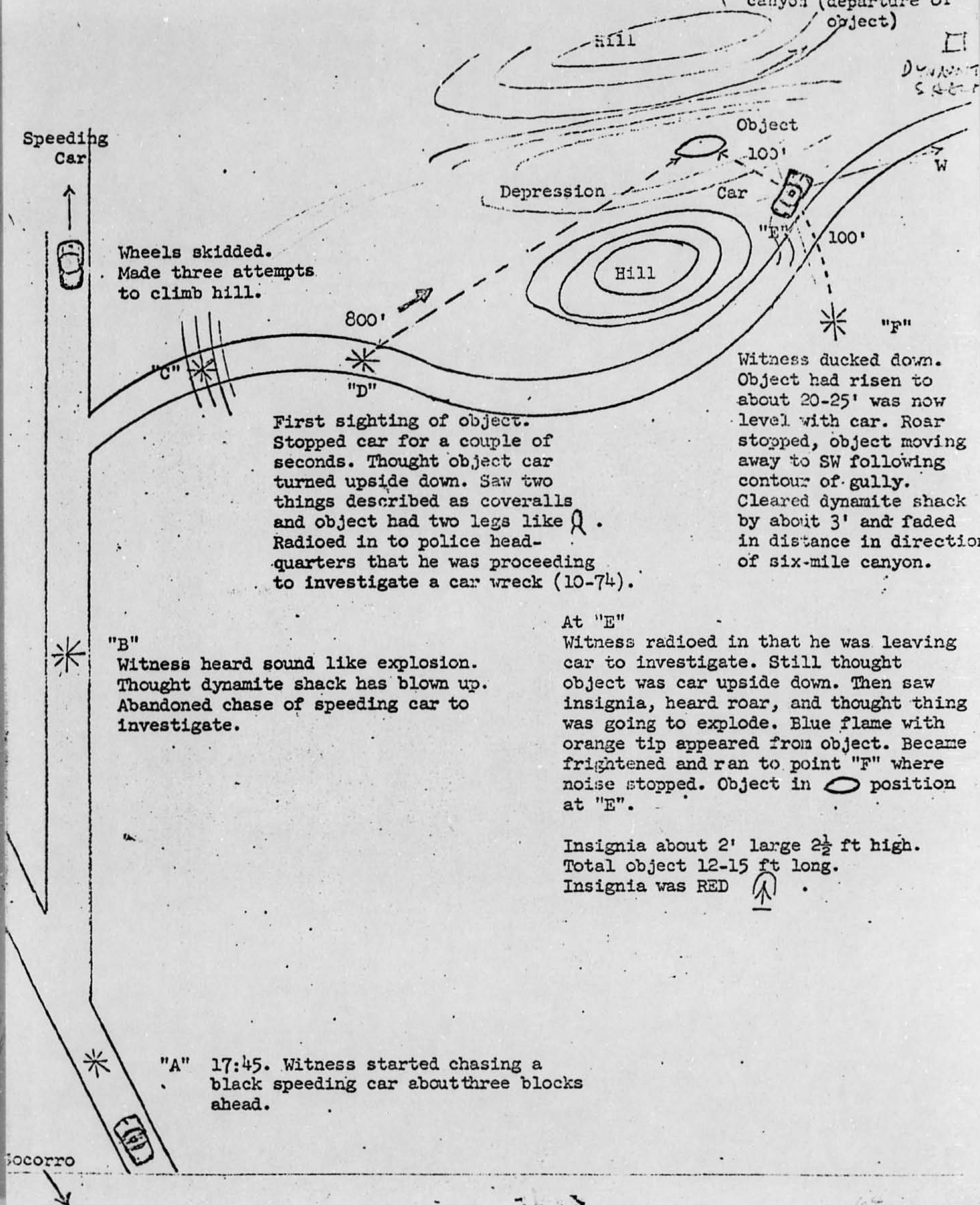
Tab A	Lt Holder Report
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Tab E	Photos
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Tab A	TWX and Messages 1. TWX regarding Capt Quintanilla's visit to Socorro dtd 30 Jun 2. TWX from SAFOI dtd 13 May 3. Summary 4. Letter to SAFOI dtd 28 May 5. Memo from Capt Quintanilla to Col de Jonckheere, dtd 27 Apr 6. Initial report received at FTD
Tab B	Investigative Data 1. 14 May letter to Cloud Gap 2. Opal Grinder 3. Maj Mitchell 4. Ltr to FAA, 27 May 5. Miscellaneous Data
Tab C	Lunar Module Information 1. Basic List 2. Douglas A/C, dtd 20 May 64 3. Hughes A/C, dtd 20 May & 26 May 64 4. Cleveland Pneumatics, dtd 20 May 64 5. Goodyear, DTD 19 May 64 6. Menasco, dtd 20 May 64 7. Unanswered letters (seven)
Tab D	Miscellaneous Notes

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Socorro Incident
24 April 1964



Wheels skidded. Made three attempts to climb hill.

"D"
First sighting of object. Stopped car for a couple of seconds. Thought object car turned upside down. Saw two things described as coveralls and object had two legs like Ω. Radioed in to police headquarters that he was proceeding to investigate a car wreck (10-74).

"F"
Witness ducked down. Object had risen to about 20-25' was now level with car. Roar stopped, object moving away to SW following contour of gully. Cleared dynamite shack by about 3' and faded in distance in direction of six-mile canyon.

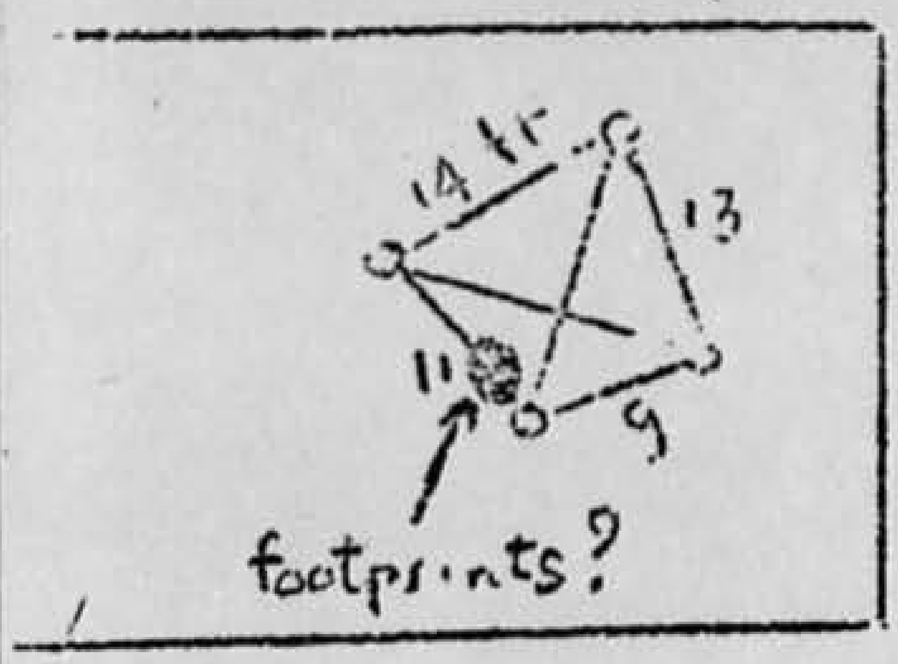
At "E"
Witness radioed in that he was leaving car to investigate. Still thought object was car upside down. Then saw insignia, heard roar, and thought thing was going to explode. Blue flame with orange tip appeared from object. Became frightened and ran to point "F" where noise stopped. Object in ⬭ position at "E".

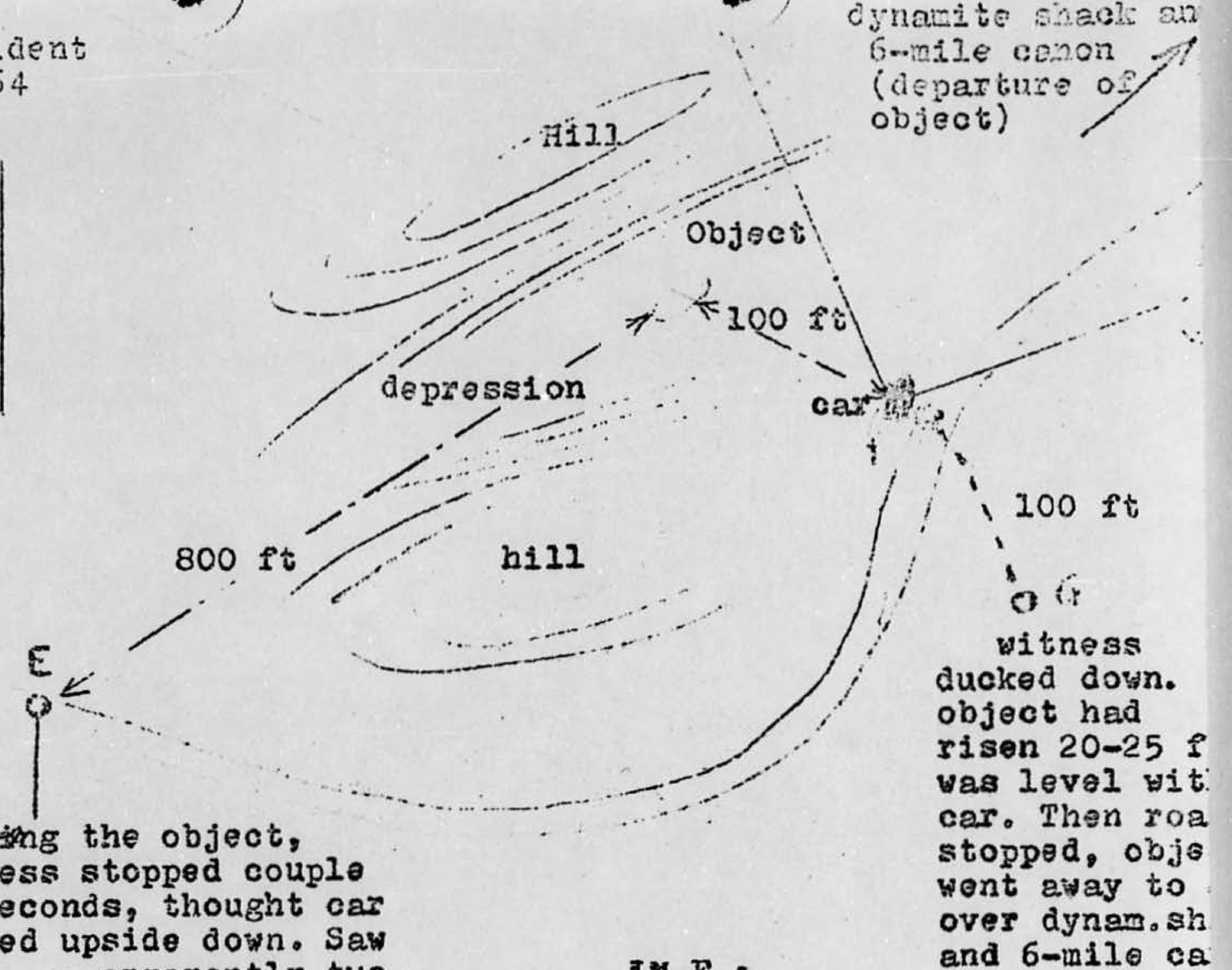
Insignia about 2' large 2½ ft high.
Total object 12-15 ft long.
Insignia was RED.

"B"
Witness heard sound like explosion. Thought dynamite shack has blown up. Abandoned chase of speeding car to investigate.

"A" 17:45. Witness started chasing a black speeding car about three blocks ahead.

Socorro incident
24 april 1964





witness ducked down. object had risen 20-25 f was level wit car. Then roa stopped, obje went away to over dynam.sh and 6-mile ca

Seeing the object, witness stopped couple of seconds, thought car turned upside down. Saw apparently two people (small adults or large kids)in white coveralls. They jumped. Witness saw 2 legs like /\

Here wheels started skidding.

IN F :
witness radioed, got out of car, still thought object was car upside down. Then saw insigna, heard roar, flame blue, orange at the end appeared from object. Before, witness thinks he heard two thumps like somebody closing a door. Afraid object was going to explode, ran away to North (G).
Saw object like :

with insigna :
2 ft large,
2½ high. Total
object would be
about 12-15 feet long.

On rough gravel road : sound changed from high frequency to low, then stopped.

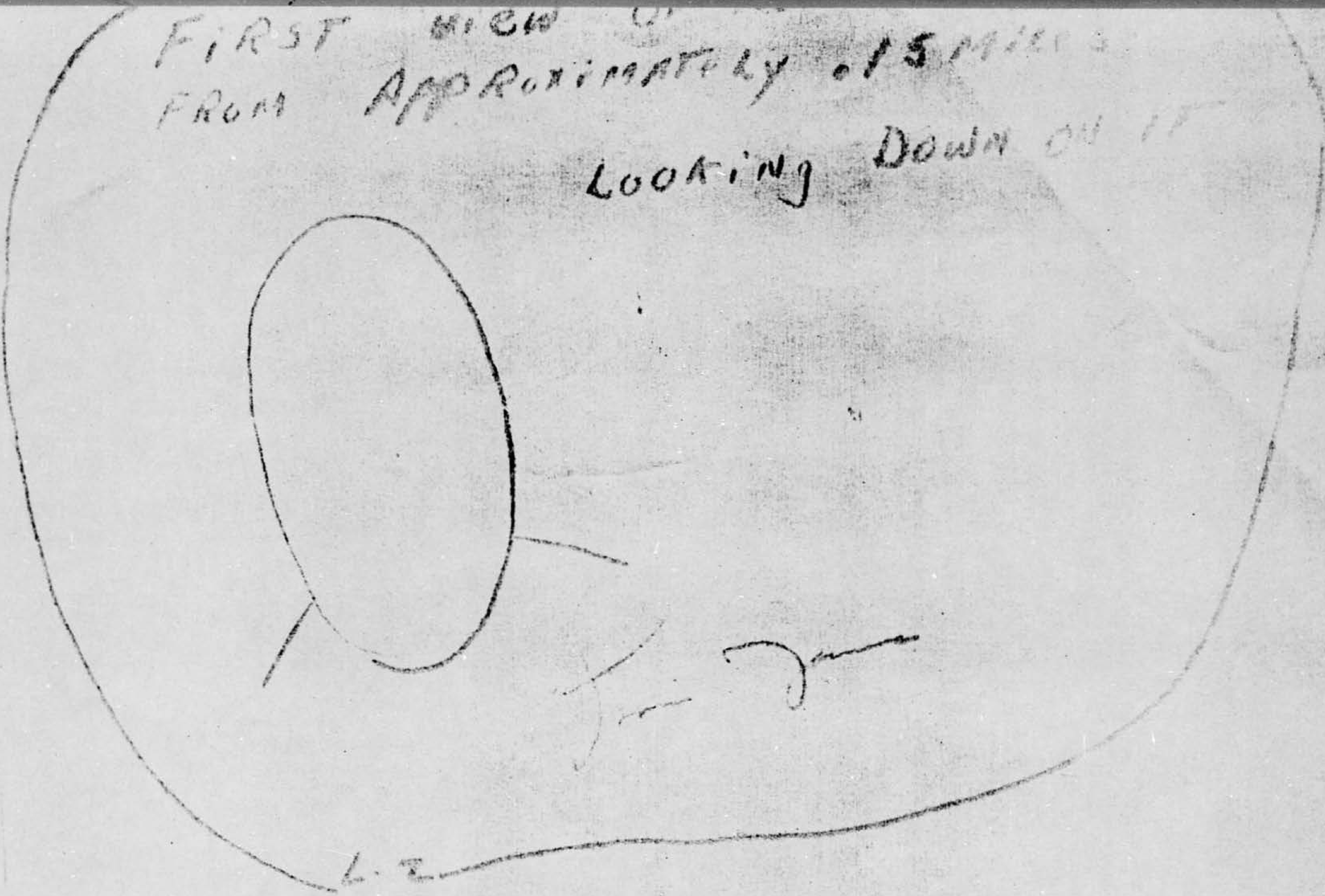
Witness heard a roar, saw flame in sky at SW about 3/4 mile. Thought of dynamite shack, decided to give up chase. Narrow flame was 'bluish and sort of orange too. Funnel type, narrower at top like /\

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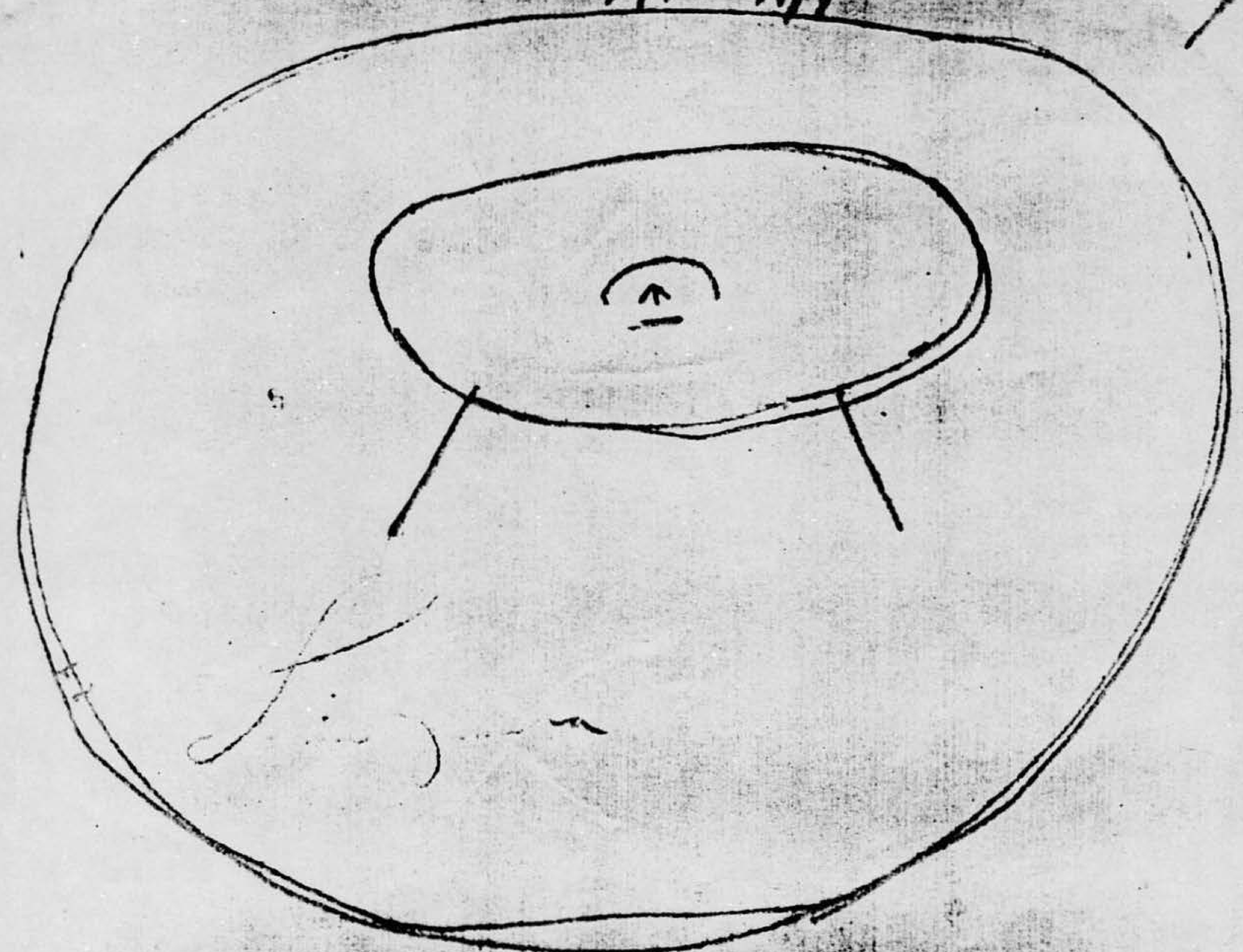
Socorro

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17:45, witness started chasing black Chevrolet speeding 3 blocks ahead.


FIRST VIEW
FROM APPROXIMATELY .15 MILES
LOOKING DOWN ON IT
L.Z.

SKETCH OF OBJECT
FROM MY POSITION-
AT APPROXIMATELY 103 FT.-



DISTANCES FROM ...

FIRST SIGHTING OF FLAME APPROX 3/4 MILE.

FIRST SIGHTING OF OBJECT WITH PEOPLE (2)

BY OBJECT .15 MILES

2ND SIGHTING OF OBJECT 103 FT.

WHERE: "INSIGNA" OBSERVED

"OBJECT" STARTED TO DEPART OR LIFT OFF SURFACE

3RD SIGHTING OF OBJECT APPROX. 200 FT.

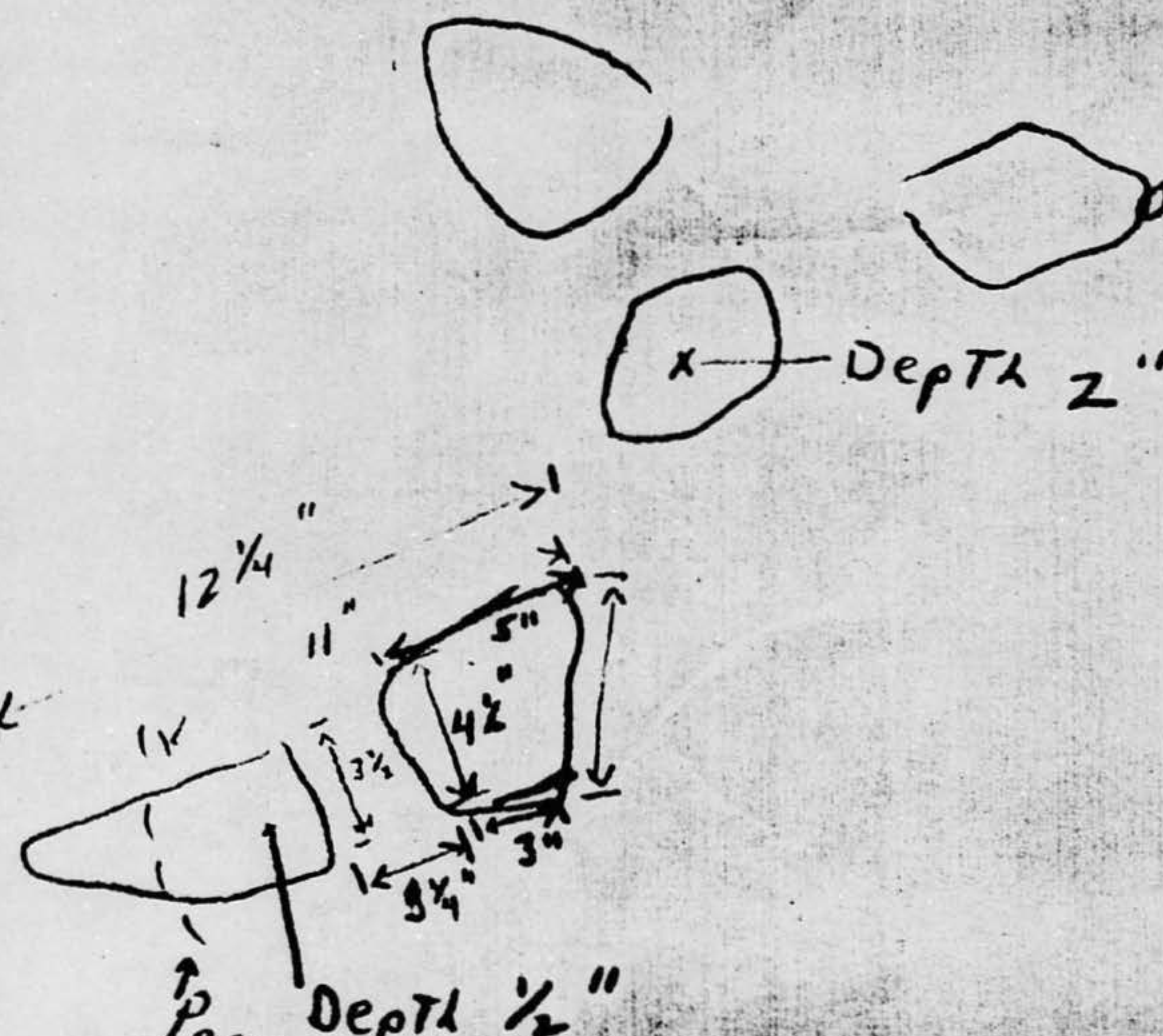
WHERE: OBJECT LEFT SURFACE

OBJECT DEPARTED

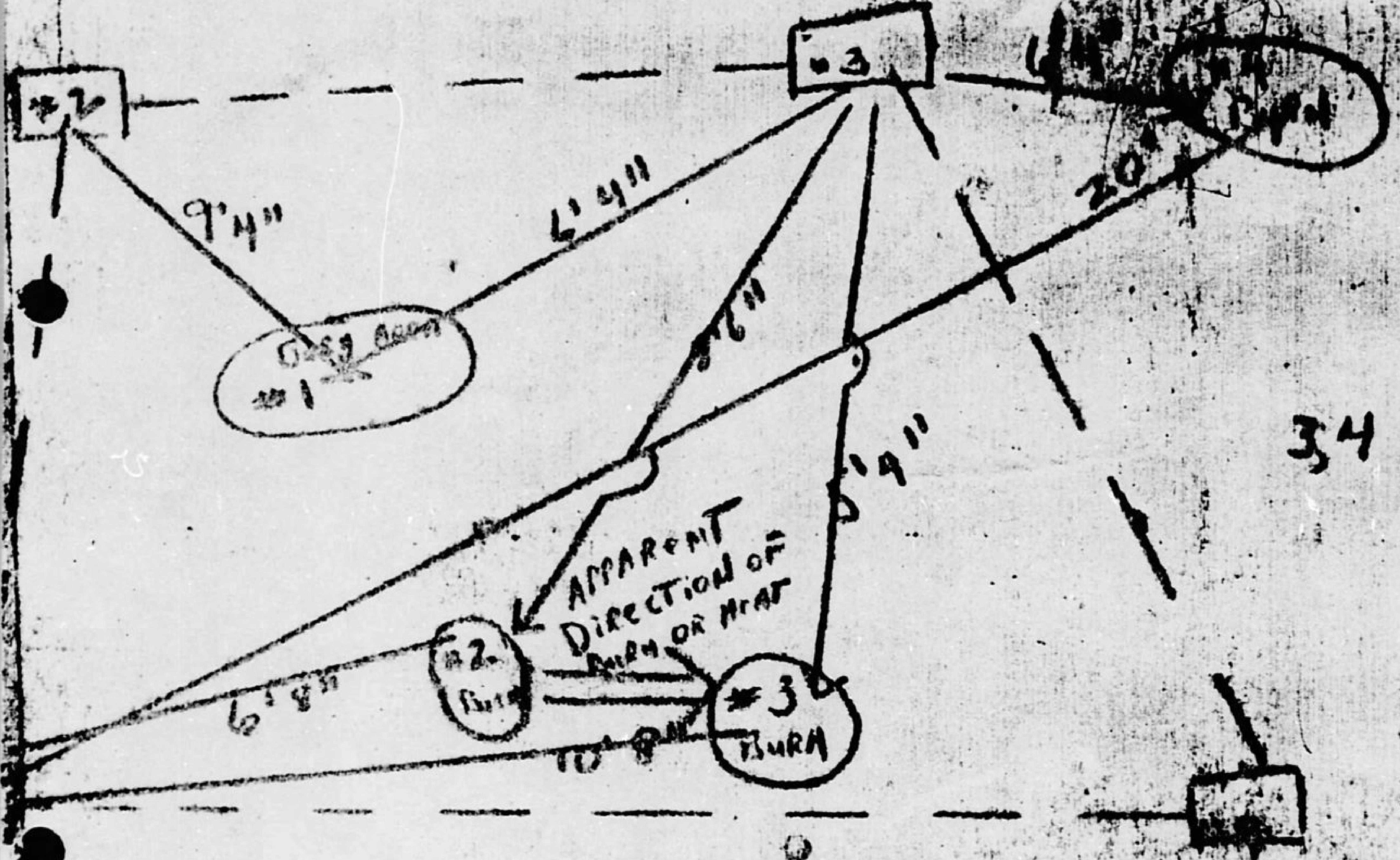
-IN SOFT SAND

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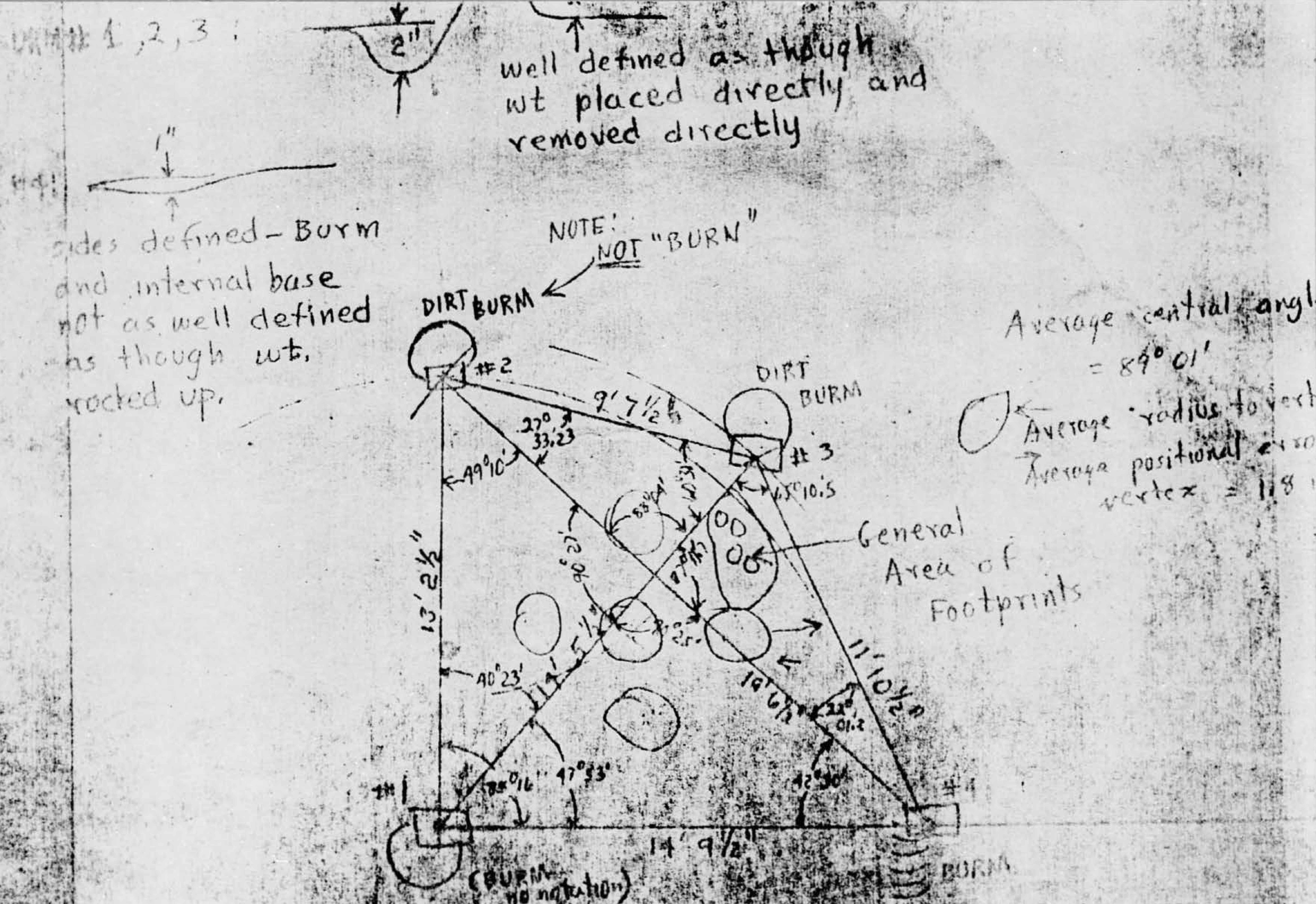


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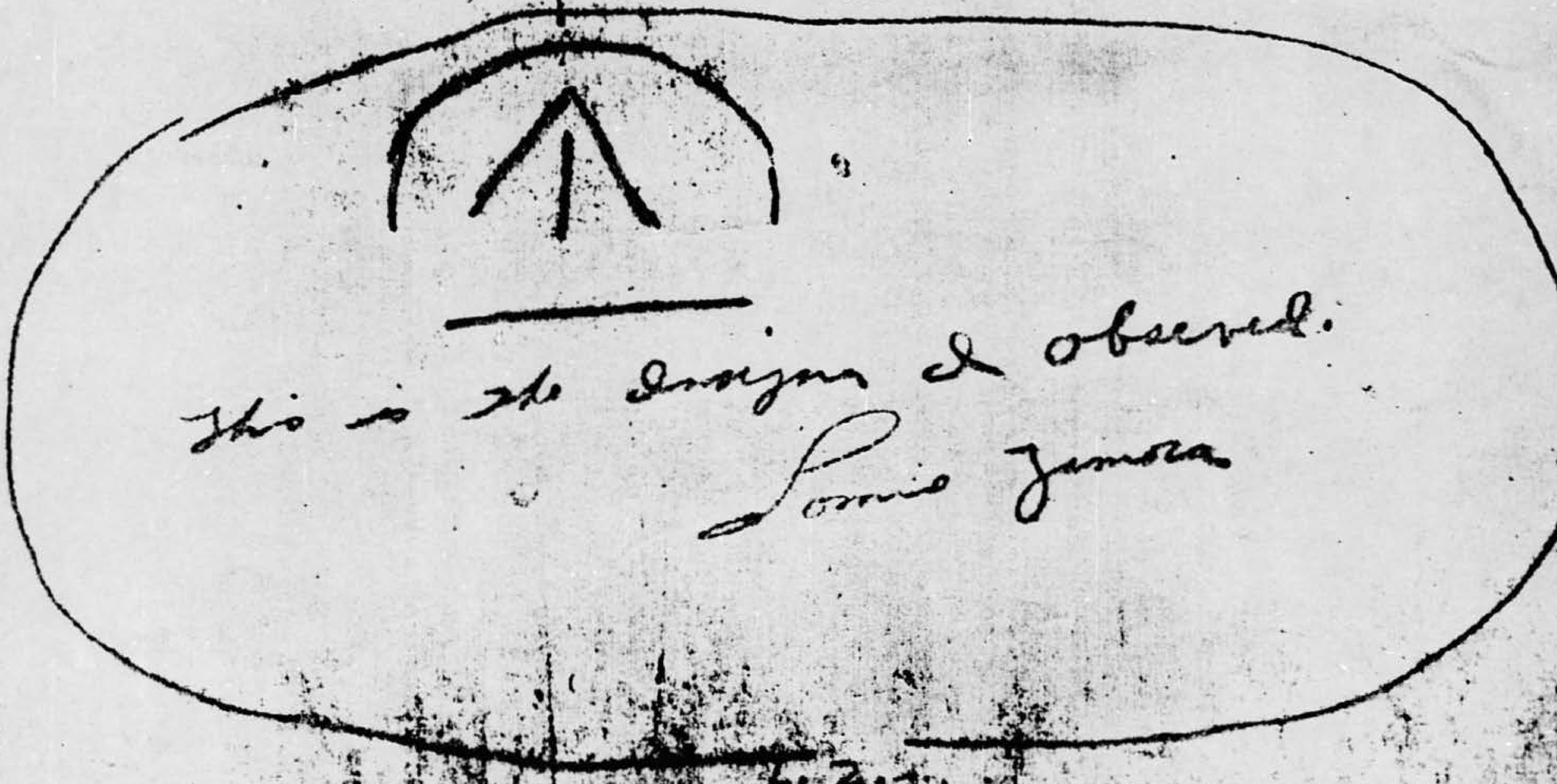


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and internal base
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as though wt.
rocked up.
NOTE:
NOT "BURN"
DIRT BURM
#2
DIRT
BURM
#3
9' 7 1/2"
27° 33.23
49° 10'
45° 10.5
General
Area of
Footprints
13' 2 1/2"
40° 23'
14' 5 1/2"
19' 6 1/2"
11' 10 1/2"
42° 30'
47° 53'
#1
#4
14' 9 1/2"
(BURM
no notation)
BURM
Average central angl
= 89° 01'
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vertex = 1.18

OBSERVED "INSIGNA"
LOCATED APPROXIMATELY AT
CENTER OF OBJECT AS
SEEN FROM ABOVE SIDE



Socorro, New Mexico
April . . 1964

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UFO REPORT

Lonnie Zamora, 606 Resevoir Street, Socorro, New Mexico, 835-1134, Officer Socorro Police Force for about 5 years, office phone 835-0941, now on 2-10pm shift.

About 5:45 pm, 4-24-64, while in Socorro 2 Police Car ('64 white Pontiac), he started to chase a car due south from west side of Court House. Car was apparently speeding and was about 3 blocks in front of police car. At point on Old Rodeo Street (extension of Park Street south) near George Morillo residence (about 1/2 mile south of Spring Street) the chased car was going straight ahead toward rodeo grounds. Car chased was a new black Chevrolet (it might have been Floyd Reynold's boy, Vivian, about 17). Chased car still about 3 blocks ahead. Lonnie alone.

At this time, heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest, some distance away--possibly a 1/2 mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up, decided to leave chased car go.

Flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving car and couldn't pay too much attention to the flame. It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down" --a funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3degrees or so in width --not wide.

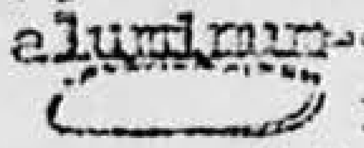
Flame about twice as wide at bottom as top and about four times as high as top was wide. Did not notice any object at top, did not notice if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help vision. Had green sun glasses over perscription glasses. Could not see bottom of flame because it was behind hill. No smoke noted. Noted some "commotion" at bottom--dust? Possibly from windy day-wind was blowing hard. Clear sunny sky otherwise--just a few clouds scattered over area.

Noise was a roar, not a blast, not like a jet. Changed from high frequency to low frequency and then stopped. Roar lasted possibly 10 seconds--was going towards it at that time on the rough gravel road. Saw flame about as long as heard the sound. Flame same color, as best as recall. Sound distinctly from high to low until it disappeared. Windows were both down. No other spectators noted--no traffic except the car in front--and the car in front might have heard it but possibly did not see it because car in front was too close to hill in front to see the flame.

After the roar and flame, did not note anything while going up the somewhat steep rough hill--had to back up and try again, two more times. Got up about half way first time, the wheels started skidding, roar still going on, had to back down and try again before making the hill. Hill about 60ft. long, fairly steep and with loose gravel and rock. While beginning third time, noise and flame not noted.

After got to top, traveled slowly on the gravel road westward. Noted nothing for a while...for possibly 15 or 20 seconds, went slowly, looking around for the shack--did not recall exactly where the dynamite shack was.

Suddenly noted a shiny type object to south about 150-200 yards. It was off the road. At first glance, stopped. It looked, at first, like a car turned upside down. Thought some kids might have turned over. Saw two people in white coveralls very close to the object. One of these persons seemed to turn and look straight at my car and seemed startled--seemed to quickly jump somewhat.

At this time, I started moving my car towards them quickly, with idea to help. Had stopped about only a couple seconds. Object was like aluminum--it was whitish against the moss background, but not chrome. Seemed like  in shape and I at first glance took it to be overturned white car. Car appeared turned up like standing

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COORDINATION: *Walter E Kurtz* TDXS *30 June 64* DATE

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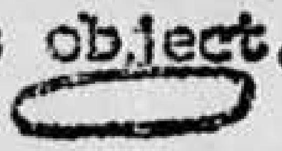
on radiator or on trunk, at this first glance.

The only time I saw these two persons was when I had stopped, for possibly two seconds or so, to glance at the object. I don't recall noting any particular shape or possibly any hats or headgear. These persons appeared normal in shape--but possibly they were small adults or large kids.

Then paid attention to road while drove towards scene. Radioed to sheriff's office Socorro 2, possibly 10-44 (accident). I'll be 10-6 (busy) out of the car, checking the car down in the arroyo.

Stopped car, was still talking on radio, started to get out, mike fell down, reached back to put up mike, then replaced radio mike in slot, got out of car, and started to go down to where knew the object (car) was.

Hardly turned around from car when heard roar (was not exactly a blast), very loud roar--at that close was real loud. Not like a jet--knows what a jet sounds like. Started low frequency quickly, then roar rose in frequency (higher tone) and in loudness--from loud to very loud. At same time as roar, saw flame. Flame was under the object. Object was starting to go straight up-slowly up. Object slowly rose straight up. Flame was light blue and at bottom was sort of orange color. From this angle, saw what might be the side of object (not end, as first noted). Difficult to describe flame. Thought, from roar, it might blow up. Flame might have come from underside of object, at middle, possibly a four foot area--very rough guess. Cannot describe flame further except blue and orange. No smoke except dust in immediate area.

As soon as saw flame and heard roar, turned away, ran away from object but did turn head towards object. Bumped leg on car--back fender area. Car facing southwest. Object was  in shape. It was smooth -- no windows or doors. As roar started, it was still on or near ground. Noted red lettering of some type like  Insignia was about 21/4 inches high and about 2inches wide, guess. Was in middle of object, like  . Object still like aluminum-white.

After fell by car and glasses fell off, kept running to north, with car between me and object. Glanced back couple of times. Noted object to rise to about level of car about 20 to 25 feet guess--took I guess about six seconds when object started to rise a nd I glanced back. I ran I guess about halfway to where I ducked down--about fifty feet from car is where I ducked down, just over edge of hill. I guess I had run about 25 feet when I glanced back and saw the object about level with the car and it appeared about directly over the place where it rose from.

I was still running and I jumped just over the hill--I stopped because I did not hear the roar. I was scared of the roar, and I had planned to continue running down the hill. I turned around toward the object and at the same time put my head toward ground, covering my face with my arms. Being that there was no roar, I looked up, and I saw the object going away from me, in a southwest direction. When the roar stopped, heard a sharp tone whine from high tone to low tone. At end of roar was this whine and the whine lasted maybe a second. Then there was complete silence about the object. That's when I lifted up my head and saw the object going away from me. It did not come any closer to me. It appeared to go in straight line and at same height--possibly 10 to 15 feet from ground, and it cleared the dynamite shack by about three feet. Shack about eight feet high. Object was traveling very fast. It seemed to rise up, and take off immediately across country. I ran back to my car and as I ran back, I kept an eye on the object. I picked up my glasses (I left the sun glasses on ground), got into the car and radioed to Nep. Lopes, radio operator, to "Look out the window, to see if you could see an object.

He asked "What is it?" I answered, "It looks like a balloon." I don't know if he saw it. If Nep looked out his window, which faces north, he couldn't have seen it. I did not tell him at the moment which window to look out of.

As I was calling Nep, I could still see the object. The object seemed to lift up slowly, and to "get small" in the distance very fast. It seemed to just clear the Box Canyon or in Mile Canyon Mountain. It disappeared as it went over the mountain. It had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground, and no smoke or noise.

Feeling in good health. Last drink--two or three beers--was over a month ago. Noted no odors. Noted no sounds other than described. Gave directions to Nep Lopes at radio and to Sargeant MS Chaves to get there . Went down to where the object had been, and I noted the brush was burning in several places. At that time I heard Sgt. Chaves (N.M. State Police at Socorro) calling me on radio for my location, and I returned to my car, told him he was looking at me. Then Sgt. Chaves came up, asked me what the trouble was because I was sweating and he told me that I was white, very pale. I asked the Sgt. to see what I saw and that was the burning brush. Then Sgt. Chaves and I went to the spot and Sgt. Chaves pointed out the tracks.

When I first saw the object (when I thought it might be a car,) I saw what appeared to be two legs of some type from the object to the ground. At the time, I didn't pay much attention to what it was--I thought it was an accident--I saw the two persons.

I didn't pay much attention to the two "legs." The two "legs" were at the bottom of the object, slanted outwards to the ground. The object might have been about three and a half feet from the ground at that time. I just glanced at it.

Can't tell how long saw object second time (the "clear" time), possibly 20 seconds--just a guess--for a from the time got out of car, glanced at object, ran from object, jumped over edge of hill, then got back to car and radio as object disappeared.

As my mike fell, I got out of car, at same area, I heard about two or three loud "thumps," like someone possibly opening or shutting a door hard. These "thumps" were possibly a second or less apart. This was just before the roar. The persons were not seen when I got up to the scene area.

Just before Sgt. Chaves got to scene, I got my pen and drew a picture of the insignia on the object. ?

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INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE SOCORRO SIGHTING OF UFO BY LONNIE ZAMORA

At 0530, Sunday 26 April 1964, I received a call from Captain Hector Quintanilla requesting that the Socorro sighting be investigated immediately and that he be advised as soon as possible of the results of an initial investigation. This action was dictated by a call from the Command Post at 330, a call from the Emergency Action Group at 430 and another call from the Command Post just prior to my notification of the event. The contacts for data already collected were Lt Col King (268-2107) and Capt R T Holder (Scan White Sands 835-1385).

At 0600 I contacted the Base Duty officer and was informed that Major Conner was the Kirtland Investigator for UFO reports. I contacted Major Conner and requested permission to accompany him to Socorro. I contacted Col King and a meeting was arranged for 0830. The only information that Col King had was in the form of an FBI report made by agent Barnes on Friday night following the sighting. This report was forwarded to Washington and Col King had NOTIFIED the Command Post. (This FBI REPORT to be included as an attachment in Major Conner's report.

A geiger counter was obtained and Major Conner and I departed for Socorro at 1030 arriving 1200 in Socorro. We contacted Sgt Chavez, the State Police officer who was the first to reach Lonnie Zamora (Only witness) and during the interview the following information was obtained.

Shortly after 1700 Lonnie Zamora was on patrol and radioed in to the city Police that there was a 10-74 (auto accident) and he was proceeding to investigate. It appeared as if an auto had turned over and two people were standing by it's side. From the ensuing activity monitored on the radio Sgt Chavez immediately made an effort to reach patrolman Zamora and arrived about 3 minutes after the object under observation by Lonnie Zamora had disappeared. Sgt Chavez then went to the area where the craft or thing was supposedly sighted and found four fresh indentations in the ground and several charred or burned bushes. Smoke appeared to come from the bush and he assumed that it was burning, however no coals were visible and the charred portions of the bush were cold to the touch. Sgt Chavez contacted the FBI, who in turn contacted White Sands and Agent Barnes and Lt R T Holder of the latter organization arrived to conduct an investigation and obtain various samples of the soil and charred bush. Sgt Chavez secured the area 800 yds and made an investigation of the ground surrounding the scene. to He determined that the only tire marks were those of Patrolman Zamora's vehicle and the State Police car ~~800 yards~~ and found no prints or track activity of any kind other than that noted in the FBI report. Further he stated that the marks were definitely "fresh", and the dirt showed evidence of "dew" or moisture. Sgt Chavez is firm in that no track activity was evident. At no time did he observe the craft or object described by Patrolman

Zamora and explained that he had taken the wrong road as was, IN fact looking in the opposite direction for a part of the time. Therefore, had the object been visible he would not have been in a position to see it. Sgt Chavez took polaroid pictures of the holes and area. These are available to us.

Following the interview with Sgt Chavez, Sgt Zamora was interviewed and a trip to the location made. All persons interviewing Zamora are impressed with his sincerity and are of the belief that if a hoax has been perpetrated Lonnie Zamora is definitely not a part to it. The object was described as white or "light in color and egg shaped." During the interview it was apparent that a visit to location was necessary to determine the time sequence of the event and the related motion of the object, as well as to obtain speeds and distance of flight. At approximately 4 pm we proceeded to the site, accompanied by two reporters from the local press. The sequence of events was repeated and total duration from the initial contact with the event to time of it's disappearance did not exceed 10 minutes. A gieger counter check for background radiation was made in the presence of the press and Sgt Zamora and no radioactivity count was present. The counter was checked with Major Conner's watch and found to be in good working order.

The following is a sequence of the event as reported by Lonnie Zamora. Shortly after 5 pm he was on patrol when he heard a noise that he thought to be an explosion of the Mayor's dynamite shack known to be in that direction. He turned off the road and proceeded to a point up a hill where he could see what looked like a car turned upside down with two white things he assumed to be the occupants of the car and he radioed this information to Police headquarters. He went down a hill where the object was not visible and had to make two tries to get up this hill in his car. As he came over the tope of the hill (about 300 yds from the object) it appeared to be a thing on four pronged legs and the two white things (described as coveralls) were no longer visible. Continuing to a point about 150 yds from the object he parked the car and got out and approached the object to a point about 100 ft. At this time the object made a rumbling noise or rattling noise and a blue flame like an arc welder turning to yellow or orange at the end came from the center of the bottom. The object was about the size of an auto and light colored, not reflective, but white or silver or just light colored. From this position the base of the craft was in the bottom of the gully and not visible to Lonnie Zamora. He thought the thing was going to explode and became frightened. He ran to a point behind his car, dropping his glasses on the way. He hid behind the car using his arm to shield his eyes. He remained in this position for not more than 10 seconds, at which time the noise stopped and his initial fear of the object lessened. He looked up and the object rose to a point of 15-20 ft altitude, with the legs still not visible. A Red marking was evident

and a drawing of this marking will be attached at the end of the report. Mr Zamora is firm in that the color was Red. At this point of altitude (20 ft max) the flame was no longer visible and the craft hovered for not more than a few seconds and began to move laterally to his right (SW) along the line of the gully just missing the dynamite shack by not more than two or three feet and fading in the distance near a mill about 6 miles away. Lonnie Zamoras description of the object is vague. The only specific detail being the red marking. All descriptions are general in nature. At no time did the flight of the object rise above the mountain background. Disappearance of the object from time of hovering took about 3 minutes. About 3 minutes later Sgt Chavez arrived on the scene.

Area background. Photos have been obtained of the background. An airfield (Private) is located about a mile to the opposite side of the gully where the object was located and Zamora's car was parked. There is a large white signboard at the edge of the area. To the right about 200 ft is the dynamite shack, about 6ft tall, 4 ft square and silver in color. Measurements of these factors can be made if deemed essential. The sighting was made at least an hour before sunset. At 630 pm the sun was still visible above the mountains to the West.

Lt Holder was visited and the report made by the FBI agent (Mr Barnes) and Capt Holder read by Major Conner. Capt Holder claimed no knowledge of the red mark. Extensive diagrams of the holes had been made and measurements taken. He indicated that the samples could be analyzed at White Sands. Also a check had been made with the local Radar stations and no U/I tracks carried at the time of the sighting. Further check indicated that no helo activity was in the area. White Sands has two or three white helos, but at the time were located at the other end of the range and were not in operation, the base activity being secured until Monday morning. A copy of the FBI report and Capt Holder's report and measurements to be forwarded to Major Conner, along with analysis of the charred specimen.

No conclusion as to cause could be reached by myself or Major Conner.

Coral Lorenzen and husband were in Socorro at the time and had interviewed both Lonnie Zamora and Sgt Chavez, and also Capt Holder prior to the arrival of Major Conner and myself.

Included in Major Conner's IR as attachments will be the FBI report, Capt Holder's report, Photos of the area, and specific slides taken that evening by a state Trooper accompanying Sgt Chavez to the scene. Specific statements as to radar activity, (none) Helo activity (all known helos not in area) and inquiry into the red marking should be made.

Copies of the local news releases have been forwarded to Capt Q and the basic investigative efforts have been completed. I called Capt Q upon return from Socorro at 1930, Sunday 26 April and advised him of the above information.

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REPORT ON SOCORRO NEW MEXICO TRIP

On Tuesday, April 28, 1964, in response to a call from Captain Quintanilla, I enplaned for Albuquerque to meet with Major Conner of Kirtland Air Force Base and associates. I called a prospective graduate student in astronomy, now working at Kirtland Air Force Base, before I left the office, asking him to meet me. This proved totally unnecessary since, when the plane from Denver arrived in Albuquerque, I heard some mummurs from the front part of the plane to the effect that "there must be a celebrity aboard" and discovered to my amazement that, as I left the plane, numerous flash-bulbs began popping, and I was importuned for one interview after another. Since I knew nothing, there was very little that I could say, and consequently I got out of the situation very easily. It would appear that Major Conner's PIO man was very effective. I had unfortunately neglected to ask Major Conner in advance to keep things quiet.

As soon as I got the reporters out of my hair, we went to Major Conner's office at Kirtland Air Force Base, where I called Dr LaPaz by phone to ask whether he might go down to Socorro with us. He was unable to make it, but told me that a number of a years before he had worked with Zamora on a field trip in search of a fallen meteorite. He gave Zamora a very clean bill of health and said that he was a completely reliable person. We then headed down in an Air Force car for Socorro, which is some 75 miles south of Albuquerque, and when we were nearly there, we had a flat tire. It turned out that the jack was missing, although the car had been reported in excellent shape, and so we had to hail passers-by,finally snagging one car whose occupants indicated that they would inform the sheriff's office when they got into town. Time passed and we snagged another car, this time with four women in it. They took me into town so that I could relay the call, and this was rather fortunate, all in all, because I had the chance to have a preliminary with Sergeant Chaves before the rest (Major Conner and Mr James Wray, the prospective graduate student) got down. It was during this preliminary interview in the jail that Sergeant Chaves told me that Zamora was getting disgusted with the whole thing and with the general misrepresentation he was the victim of. After some general reluctance, Sergeant Chaves agreed to have Zamora there that evening after dinner, provided that Zamora and he could talk to me privately. I agreed to this, and when the repaired car finally got down with its occupants, we went to dinner (paid for all the meals of the two from Albuquerque both this day and the next), and after dinner, Major Conner and Mr Wray went back to Albuquerque, and I went to t he jail to talk for the next two hours with Zamora and Chaves.

After a fairly lengthy time spent in getting them warmed up to the subject, I got the major sketch of the situation. During one or two times when Zamora (who was on duty) had to step out of the room, Chaves told me of some of Zamora's reactions. Apparently Zamora was not going to say anything about it, but it was at Chaves' advice that he did. He then apparently

asked Chaves whether Chaves thought that he, Zamora, should first speak to the priest before saying anything. Chaves indicated that this was up to him. Chaves described Zamora's radio call to him on that evening, and indicated that Zamora had asked him to come out alone. Chaves indicated that, when he got to Zamora, he found him very badly shaken, pale, and sweating. He attempted to kid him, saying, "What's the matter, Lonnie; you look like you've seen the devil." And Zamora stated, "Well, maybe I have." Chaves indicated that Zamora was reluctant to go down into the small ravine, and asked that Chaves preceed him, even though it was still bright daylight. It was Chaves who first discovered the imprint. During the interview, Zamora was far from talkative, and there seemed to be a few minor contradictions as to just where he was when he first radioed in, etc., and even as to how many times he had radioed in. Both Zamora and Chaves appeared to me to be hoping that I could tell them that this had been a secret air force devise, so that they could dismiss the whole thing from their minds. Zamora was still evidently troubled over some of the towns' reactions, and Chaves was disturbed by the hullabaloo and the misrepresentation, and the flurry of "me too" reports.

After my talk with the two men at the courthouse, I called Captain Holder and asked him to have anightcap with me. He came down to pick me up, and invited me to his home instead, and transmitted to me a carbon of his report, and the statement describing himself.

Exhibit A) Captain Holder was most helpful and anzious to demonstrate that he had done a good job in procuring measurements, and other data before the coming of the crowd of curiosity seekers. I, of course, questioned Captain Holder, as to his impressions about Zamora's reliability and of the connection of the tracks with the sighting, etc., and he, as did all others whom I subsequently questioned, indicated that the markings were, to all intensive purposes, fresh and were associated burned, or that the burning seemed to be sporadic. Clumps of grass in close proximity to the burned ones were untouched,while others just a short distance away from the unburned ones were again burned, etc.

I put up at a local motel, making arrangements to be taken out to the site first thing in the morning. Mr Zamora and Sergeant Chaves joined me at breakfast the next morning, but just previous to that, a man whose name I did not get, he introduced himself as from the FAA, and indicated to me that it was strange that their radars had not picked up anything. He felt that, MTI radars can pick up cars on the road, that this object should certainly have been picked up by the radar equipment.

In going out to the site, I asked that precisely the same road be traveled that was traveled on the evening of the sighting, and so we did, and as we went along, Zamora pointed out the place where the

speeding car had turned into his line of sight from a side road, and we followed the pursuit path, going to the place about 1/2 mile south of town where Xamora then pointed in the direction in which he had seen the flame and had heard a loud roar. It must be remembered thatat this time he was giving chase to a speeding car, and it would seem that, to be diverted from this jolly procedure, the noise and/or light must have been fairly strong. Zamora did not describe the light to me in the detail that he has described it in Captain Holder's report. He stressed only the roar and the fact that he thought the Mayor's dynamite shack had exploded and that somebody might have been in trouble.

From that point on, his report to me was virtually identical to that he gave to Captain Holder - his three attempts to get up the hill, his sighting of the object at a distance, as his line of sight went longatudinally down the small arroyo - it was at this point that he thought he saw an overturned car standing, however, either on the trunk or on its radiator. He described that, at this point, he picked up the radio and called back to Sergeant Shaves. There is a little contradiction here, probably not serious, as to where he had made the call, and exactly how many calls he made.

He then stated that he proceeded down the very poor gravel road, temporarily losing sight of the object behind a slight rise in the land, that is, behind one of the hillocks that formed an arroyo between them. He thus came up upon the object from behind the hill and from the side, so to speak, he apparently saw the object again while he was driving and continued to drive for some distance. He finally stopped the car at the clearing just before the ground descends into the little arroyo (see photograph number 2) Photograph No 2 is important in that it shows how close he was to the object. It is clear from this that any common object would certainly have been easily recognized. It would seem virtually incredible that an ordinary object, such as a balloon, heliocopter, private small plane, etc., could have remained unidentified, and further, could have caused Zamora to become as frightened as he did.

Zamora drove up to this spot, windows rolled down, and looked to his left out of the window, to see the object. At this point, he indicated that he still thought that "it" might have been an overturned car. It is not clear whether he made a call to the station at this time (presumably he did), but, in any event, he knocked the mike to the floor, as he got out of the car, apparently in some excitement. He started to walk toward the object, but apparently did not get very far before he heard some noises. The noises were described as two or three bangs, as though someone were shutting a door (the space visitors were undoubtably saying "Let's get the Hell out of here") and this was followed almost immediately by a roar. He did not describe the pitches of the roars to me as well as he had in Capt Holder's report. Apparently, by this time Zamora was

thoroughly tired of going into details. It is clear that he turned tail at this time and ran for cover, thinking the object was about to explode. He banged his leg against the rear fender of the car as he tried to round it, at which time his glasses, and his sunglasses fell off into the ground, but he did not stop to retrive them. This is an indication of the state of panic he was in. He ran some distance behind the car, as indicated in photograph No 3, which shows him crouching down, but not as he had done that Friday evening. At that time, he had crouched quite close to the ground, covering his eyes with his arm. It was at this time that he saw the object rise to essentially the level of his car and proceed in the direction of the dynamite shack, shown in figure 4 which shows the small dynamite shack about 7 or 8 feet high, off to the right and shows Zamora's arms extended, his left arm pointing to the direction in which he had seen the object originally, its takeoff position, and the right arm pointing in the general direction in which the object had disappeared. A shadow cast by Zamora in this picture, which was taken approximately at 10 am, at which time the sun was in the south-east quatrin of the sky, indicates that Zamora is facing southwest, with the shack somewhat to southwest by west. The dynamite shack is also shown in figure five, which shows the car parked as it was on the evening of the sighting. Zamora was looking out of the left hand drivers' window at the object when he parked the car. Photograph No 6 shows the position from which Zamora first saw the object whose location was approximately under the X mark on the photograph. It was from this distance that he thought that the object looked like an overturned car. Photograph 7 is the position Zamora was in, looking at the object disappearing, said object having missed the dynamite shack by some 3 feet, according to Zamora. Photography No 8 is approximately the position Chaves and Zamora were in, on their way down from the rise toward the place where the object had been, when Chaves first saw the markings the object had left. Photograph No 9 is 180 degrees, approximately, from that of No 6. No 9 shows the town of Socorro in the distance, looking down longatudinally through the gulley toward the "road" along which Zamora was stationed when he first saw the object, looking inthe direction Socorro to the spot from which Photograph 9 was taken.

Resume:

From all of the above and from my personal observations, I would conclude the following: That Zamora, although not overly bright or articulate, is basically sincere, honest, and reliable. He would not be capable of contriving a complex hoax, nor would his temperment indicate that he would have the slightest interest insuch. He was simply a cop on duty, relinquished one discharge of that duty (chasing a speeding car) for another which he thought was ofmore immediate importance. (Investigating the possible explosion of a dynamite shack). His fright was genuine,

and his feeling that he had seen something truly unusual is attested by the fact that he asked whether he should speak to the priest first before saying anything about it.

Any question of hallucination seems clearly out. He is a non-drinking man, and is a solid, well-built, physically healthy individual (Photogrph No 10). He is a cop who looks as though he could be pretty gruff with his customers, and in fact, his complaint about the UFO sighting was that it did not allow him to give out his full quota of tickets for the day. Photograph N 11 is of Sergeant Chaves, who is considerably more articulate than Zamora, and appears to have a greater awareness of things and relations than Zamora does. Both men seemed to give every indication of being devoted to duty and being basically simple and honest. Photograph No 12 is a close-up of one of the markings, made very shortly after the craft had departed.

By the time that I got to see the area, it had been so badly trampled over that I could make no assesment of the burned areas. There appear to be a fair amount of charred particles mixed in with the dirt, and some charred cardboard was also found (enc). In conclude, therefore, that Zamora saw a tangible, physical object, under good daylight illumination, and from fairly close range (at the closest, almost as little as 100 feet).

It appears essential that we discover what the physical object actually was. It is clear that the UFO officianados are going to make a great case of this one. Two days before my visit, Mr Lorenzen, husband of Carol Lorenzen of APRO, had visited and taken numerous samples of charred remains and of rocks and ground, etc. I had not been at the site more than ten minutes when Mr Sanford of NICAP showed up and took samples, photographs, etc. It was remarked at the time as to how Menzel would go about explaining this one! No doubt was left in my mind but that NICAP and APRO, and possibly others, would consider this the best authenticated landing sighting on record. They will use it, very likely as a lever for a congressional investigation, and will deride any attempt to "explain it away" as a balloon, conventional heliocopter, etc. They will set great store on the paucity of the burns and the relative lack of disturbance would have been very much greater. They will probably say that the burns are "plasmaburns" which can scorch locally, I understand.

It is therefore essential to consider this one of the major UFO sightings in the history of the Air Force's consideration of this subject, and to spare no effort in establishing whether maneuvers of any sort were taking place in that locality either on the part of the Air Force, the Army, or even the Navy. However, I am quite certain that it will not be sufficient for the Air Force in this case to indicate that the sighting was "probably a new type of craft being tested," or that a secret war

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NUMEROUS INQUIRES CONCERNING AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION AND EVALUATION OF THE RECENT UFO SIGHTING AT SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, 24 APRIL, CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED FRON NEWS MEDIA, FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THIS HQ IS UNABLE TO RESPOND PROPERLY PENDING RECIEPT OF YOUR CONCLUSIONS. REQUEST APPROPRIATE ACTION BE TAKEN TO INSURE THAT REPORTS OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE AND EVALUATE THE SIGHTING BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY.

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maneuver was in progress, unless the log of such maneuvers is produced, and better yet, the entire "crime" reinacted, preforably in Zamora's presence. I recognize that this will be a very difficult task, but in view of the importance of this case, I think every attempt should be made to do this. It will require, very possibly, the attention of the Secretary of the Air Force himself.

It would be well, further, for "files protection" for the Air Force to tabulate from its records, and from available records from other sources, of other reported landings, such as, for instance, the cronological list which appeared in the January-February 1964 issue of Flying Saucer Review. Ignorance of what NICAP and APRO will designate as similar cases will be of little help.

In about a month, I shall have occassion to return to the Socorro area, at which time I will discuss with Zamora and Chaves after the excitement has completely simmered down, some of the finer points of the sighting, such as the location at which radio calls were made, etc.

The wind at that time was blowing very strongly from the south and I established by repeated questioning that the object had taken off either at right angles to the wind, or partially into the wind.

I have not stressed the insignia which Zamora reported, since he drew exactly the same thing which he had drawn for Capt Holder. I did question him many times on the shape of the object, as to whether it had clear cut edges or fuzzy edges, as to bits of color, etc., but the results were virtually the same as the information given to Capt Holder. The object was egg-shaped, had the inverted V insignia on it, two legs seemed to be protruding from the object,which was not chrome but "whitish-aluminum", and it was further established that the great roar during its initial take-off disappeared suddenly and the horizontal flight away and over the dynamite shack was noiseless.

I questioned Mr Art Burns of the FBI, and several others who had been on the site within the first hours after the sighting as to the alleged freshness of the tracks. They were all of the opinion that the tracks were, indeed, fresh.

Although Zamora was the only witness to the actual sighting, nine people in all saw the markings. Altogether nine people saw the markings within hours of the sighting and before the hourds of curiosity seekers descended upon the place the following day.

After I visited the place of the sighting, I had several other talks with local people, and, in particular, with the reporter of the El Defensor Chieftan, or perhaps it was the editor (its a small paper). I believe that I talked with Mr Lewis A Reddell, the publisher of the El Defensor.

He had gone into this thing quite thoroughly and in a quite sedate and unexcited manner. His story, published Tuesday, April 28, 1964, is an excellent summary of the sighting. It includes one point not mentioned previously: "At least one other person - an unidentified tourist traveling north on US 85 - saw the UFO just before it landed in a gulley. Opel Grinder, manager of Whitting brothers' Service Station on 85 North, said the man stopped at the station and remsrked that aircrafts flew low around here. Grinder replied that there were many helocopters in this vicinity, and the tourist said, "It was a funny looking helocopter, if that's what it was." The man said further that the object had flown over his car. It actually was headed straight for the gully where it landed moments later. The tourist also commented that he had seen a police car heading up the hill. This was apparently Zamora's car.

I believe that we can dispense with the rash of other reports that sprang up immediately thereafter. This was the case near Santa Fe, the case in Montana, the girl with scorched eyes because she looked at a flying saucer in Albuquerque, and others. But, it is essential that the Socorro case be given the treatment.

I also questioned, while in Socorro, my old friend, Dr Jack Whothmen, President of the New Mexico School of Mines, who said he knew of no geophysical or other types of experiements going on in the area at the time. He, as the rest of the townspeople, were puzzled by the event, but the general underground slull of opinion was that it would turn out to be some device which the government still had under raps. Not one person whom I talked with in the least, by either implication or inuendo, challenged Zamora's veracity.

Finally, the drawings which Captain Hilder and his associates made, when replotted according to scale, (already enclosed with the report of Captain Holder, already sent to you) which indicate that the diagonals between the markings intersected perpendicularly. It would appear essential that for this case to be fairly closed out, if the interpretation is that of a new device and its dimensions be shown to match the markings found on the ground; that is, that the device finally selected as the culprit, be indeed capable of producing the marks observed.

I left Socorro shortly after noon on Wednesday April 29th, Major Conner and James Ray having come down late that morning to pick me up. We had a late lunch enroute to Albuquerque.

In Albuquerque, I had the opportunity to talk with Mr Arthur Burns, of the FBI, who added nothing new to the situation but confirmed the general reliability and stability of Mr Zamora. He also was of the opinion that the marks might well have been fresh ones. I also called the mother of the young girl whose eyes were alledgedly burned by having looked too long at a flying saucer, and found that the name of the Doctor who treated her and who had confirmed the burns, was a Dr Best of Albuquerque. Major Conner indicated that he would investigate further. That is all.

Additional Notes to the Report:

It should be noted that, at the time Zamora saw the insignia, the craft was well illuminated by sunlight which was streaming in from Zamora's right. It might be well to perform some experiments with placards with insignia and different patterns inscribed thereon to see how well these are visable, under good lighting, at 100-200 feet.

Additional Note: What is the power of Zamora's glasses? Does he suffer from a stigmatism?

Additional Note: Several things are a pity in this situation. One is that there was not an additional witness. Second is that no photographs were taken. Third, that no radars picked up the object, andfourth that the witness whom we did have was not a better observer and more articulate.

Recommendations: The object which produced this, if it was a new device under test or in maneuvers, be brought to same location and movies be taken of it departing in the manner described by Zamora, and under the same lighting conditions. This then could be played at any future hearings on flying saucers. This, it seems to me, could go a very long way toward exploding the myth of flying saucers, and might do more good than all the previous years of propaganda.

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EVALUATION REPORT

Soil Analysis

REPORT NR: MAY 64-8

DATE: 19 May 1964

PROJECT NR: G 661-02

TYPE EVALUATION:

MANUFACTURER:

SPEC NR:

SUBMITTED BY: FTD
Sgt D. Moody

ITEM SERIAL NR:

I. PURPOSE

Determination of the composition of the soil samples for the purpose of comparison.

II. FACTUAL DATA

1. The samples were submitted for analysis and assigned Analytical Branch numbers 4-891 - 4-898.

2. Spectrographic analysis indicated the gross composition to be the same for all samples. The following elements were found in the indicated concentration range:

Principal element - Silicon
Major elements - Mg, Al, Fe, Na, K and Ca
Minor elements - Manganese and Titanium

III. CONCLUSION

There is apparently no significant differences in elemental composition between the different samples.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

None, data merely submitted.

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THE PROGRAMS would affect the worst-hit areas of unemployment and substandard living in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama.

Specifically, Johnson's proposals would provide:

—CONSTRUCTION OF 2150 miles of highways in isolated areas at an estimated cost of $840 million over several years.

—Speed-up in construction of water resource facilities, to cost $35.8 million in the year starting July 1.

—Acceleration of new sewage and water treatment facilities that

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Hoffa on Trial In Fraud Case

United Press International

CHICAGO, April 27.—Teamster Union President James R. Hoffa, currently appealing a conviction for jury tampering, goes on trial with seven associates today in a $20 million fraud case.

Hoffa and the others are charged with fraudulently obtaining the $20 million from union pension funds and diverting more than $1 million of the amount to their own use.

All eight men pleaded innocent.

THEY WERE INDICTED last June after a two-year investigation of Teamster pension funds by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After his arraignment, Hoffa said the case was "just another propaganda scene" by Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Both prosecution and defense counsels have predicted the trial

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slowed to six inches an hour.

At least 50,000 persons were removed from their villages.

Moscow radio said last night that Soviet engineers rushed to the danger area planned to use high explosives to break up the huge mound of earth and rocks, and to deepen the river bed.

AN ARMY of bulldozers and excavators ate through the earth in an effort to force a new channel around the dam to permit the waters to escape, thus easing the pressure.

The danger zone, about 1700 miles southeast of Moscow, was in the mountainous region of the Soviet Republic of Tadzhikistan near the confluence of the Afghan, Kashmir and Chinese borders.

Samarkand lies down the valley in the Republic of Uzbekistan. The legendary city is 25 centuries old and today has about 200,000 population. Once the capital of Tamerlane, its ruins and mosques have made it a prime tourist attraction.

A LARGE portion of Mount Darivorz, about 90 miles from Samarkand, broke off last Friday and sent 13 million cubic yards of earth and rock crashing into the Zeravshan River.

The mountain-slide, caused by two months of heavy rain, forced the river to back up and form a new lake.

Court Shuns Rail Jobs Case

United Press International

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Supreme Court refused today to examine the railroad arbitration board decision that could eventually eliminate 30,000 firemen's jobs and leave the status of 19,000 other crewmen in doubt.

The brief order lets stand as final a decision upholding the board handed down on Feb. 20,

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Ended by Agreement



LYNDA BIRD JOHNSON, daughter of the President, broke her engagement to Navy Lt. Bernard Rosenbach, both shown above in a recent photo. (UPI Telephoto.)

United Press International

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Lynda Bird Johnson, older daughter of President Johnson, has broken her engagement to Navy Lieut. Bernard Rosenbach.

The White House confirmed the break up Saturday.

Rosenbach, 23, now on sea duty, would only say that the ending of their 11-month engagement was "mostly her idea."

The announcement ended speculation of a June wedding in the White House. It had been Mrs. Johnson's repeated policy, when asked about Lynda Bird's wedding plans, to say that her daughter belonged to college and Rosenbach belonged to the Navy.

LYNDA BIRD, 20, is a sophomore history major at George

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Government Hopes to Destroy Hoffa's

By DICKSON PRESTON
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

CHICAGO, April 27. — The federal trial of James R. Hoffa which opens here today marks the keystone of the long Justice Department effort to destroy his power.

It strikes directly at the main source of that power—the $275-million Central States Pension Fund which the teamster president allegedly controls.

The government case charges, in effect, that Hoffa has used this giant jackpot as a personal bank, lending its funds to people and projects he favors and withholding them from those he dislikes.

It hopes to prove, moreover, that Hoffa enriched himself at the expense of his own membership—and thus to shatter his picture of himself as a persecuted friend of the working man.

HOFFA HAS BEEN indicted seven times on U.S. charges since 1957—and convicted once, in the recent Tennessee jury-tampering trial. But never before has the government gone to the heart of Hoffa's operations and tried to show how he wields his enormous influence.

In Chicago, the Justice Department is doing more than simply trying to send Hoffa to jail. It also is trying to separate him from the cash base and the rank-and-file support which have put him where he is.

The trial is expected to be long and complicated. It could last six months. Testimony will involve millions of dollars in allegedly manipulated funds, which must be traced through tortuous paths in and out of various banks, companies and private hands.

The indictment alone runs 53 pages, covering 28 counts and eight defendants, including Hoffa.

U.S. JUDGE Richard B. Austin has taken extraordinary precautions to protect the jury and witnesses from outside influence.

Names of the 300 members of the jury panel are being kept secret even from the office of the U.S. marshal. Attorneys will not know who they are until they appear in court — and even then Judge Austin may do the questioning of prospective jurors.

The judge also has agreed to let the prosecution keep names

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INVESTIGATING officers the scene yesterday from Air Force Base in Al- ue, Maj. William Connor David Moody used a gei- nter to check the area, he only evidence of an un- isitor was a burned bush small depressions in the

rs said the machine had ued on Page A-13, Col. 3)

sburg Jury s Eaves

The Herald-Post

DSBURG, April 27. — A court jury of 11 men and man deliberated only three with a break for lunch— finding a verdict of not in murder trial of Archie ke) Eaves, 57.

es was acquitted Friday in hooting death of Elmer Leon pple, 42. Whipple was slain Aug. 4 in the Eaves home.

s With Rusk Set

United Press International

HINGTON, April 27. — Brit- ign Secretary Richard A. rrived in Washington yes- r talks with Secretary of an Rusk and other U.S.

. Another customer, who tried to separate the battlers, was taken to the hospital after he got hit over the head with a shuffleboard puck.

Police Capture Three Burglars

Police captured three burglars in two separate incidents over the weekend.

A Burns Detective Agency officer, investigating a burglar alarm at Feder's Jewelers at Bassett Shopping Center Saturday night, found a broken window. He notified police, and a short time later Radio Patrolmen Troy Bunn and R. R. Macias picked up a suspect wandering the neighborhood nearby. He admitted stealing 49 rings and some cigarets, and implicated his partner who was arrested at home. The first suspect also had a marihuana cigaret.

Officers Darrell Gilbert and Robert Gonzalez arrested another

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Maryland Views Wallace

Maryland will be the best testing ground to date for Alabama's segregationist Gov. George Wallace.

The Democratic primary there comes May 19.

POLLSTER Samuel Lubbell has been sounding out Maryland's "Little Dixie"—the Eastern Shore — Baltimore's "big city" voters, and the white collar suburban belts.

HE HAS found curious reactions and significant trends—all of which he sets forth in "The People Speak—" in today's HERALD-Post on Page B-3.



RICHARD H. FEUILLE

Richard H. Feuille, local attorney, has been named general vice-chairman of the coming annual United Fund appeal, Ray Lockhart, general campaign chairman this year for the United Fund, announced today.

Lockhart, a former El Pasoan who left a vice-presidency of Stone and Webster Service Corp. in New York City to assume presidency of El Paso Electric Co. last July, was recently appointed general campaign chairman. Charles H. Leavell is president of the United Fund of El Paso County.

MR. FEUILLE has been president of the Community Concert Ass'n. for the last four years, is on the YWCA board of trustees, and is a director of El Paso National Bank and the Northgate National Bank.

A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School in 1948, he began practicing law here with the firm now known as Hardie, Grambling, Sims and Galatzan and was with it until 1957 when he was made a partner with the firm now known as Scott, Hulse, Marshall and Feuille.

He is president of the school board of St. Clement's Episcopal Parish School, was a senior warden of the Church and has served on its vestry.

HE WAS a founder and secretary for both the International Club and the Coronado Country Club, is a former director of El Paso Country Club, is a member of El Paso Club, and El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was awarded the Order of Coif, an honorary law school award.

one of the deputies who keep an around-the-clock watch on him, when Bowlin turned away to get a drink.

Decker said Ruby suddenly backed off two or three feet in his 10-foot wide cell and hurled himself into the plaster wall. He was taken to Parkland Hospital, where President Kennedy and Oswald were pronounced dead last November, and treated by an intern for a one-inch gash on his head.

X-RAYS SHOWED no other damage, and he was returned to his maximum security cell. The gash swelled into a small bump.

It was the second commotion in three days at the tumult-torn county courthouse. On Thursday night, 163 Negro prisoners rioted for two hours, breaking windows and hurling blazing mattresses,

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El Paso Sunshine

The sun shone today for the 831st consecutive day. The sun has failed to shine only 12 of the last 1985 days.

April 27, 1964

Inside Your Herald-Post

U.S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Fair. (Details on Page A-14.)

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UNLIKE MOST pension funds, Central States money has been invested largely in real-estate loans. According to the grand jury, Hoffa and his associates worked this way:

—Various of the seven others would represent themselves to prospective borrowers as being close to Hoffa. The indictment charges they would demand "fees, stock options and stock interests" as payment for using their influence with him.

—Hoffa, it is alleged, then "made false representations and misleading statements" about the loans to the trustees and their professional advisers. As a trustee, he also allegedly "spoke out and voted in favor of the loans."

—once the loans were made, the indictment says the defendants diverted more than $1 million "for the personal use and benefit" of themselves.

IN ONE CASE, according to the charge, Hoffa told the trustees that a North Miami, Fla., hospital which sought—and got — a $2 million loan would be leased to Dade County and that the county would put up at least as much money as the pension fund. Both statements were false, the grand jury said, and actually a "substantial portion of the loan was diverted to purposes other than construction.

In another instance, it is charged, at least $100,000 was diverted to clear up Hoffa's personal involvement in Sun Valley, Inc., a Florida development he helped promote as a retirement center for aged teamsters.

Altogether, 14 specific loans involving $20 million in six states are cited in the indictment. Additional cases are expected to be brought during the trial.

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Evidence on Desert Floor Supports Officer's Story

United Press International

SOCORRO, N.M., April 27. It's a good place for a ing saucer. Right on the ge of White Sands Mis- e Range on the wide pen New Mexico desert, st 30 miles northwest of e site of the world's first omic blast.

Socorro policemen Lonnie Za- ora says he saw it, and police d military men seem inclined to lieve him.

Zamora is a "very reliable wit- ss," Army Capt. Richard T. lder, uprange commander of hite Sands' Stallion Range, said. lder, whose headquarters is ar this central New Mexico wn, was called in by local po- e after Zamora reported seeing object Friday.

DEPUTY SHERIFF James ckie said he believes "it's mething out of the ordinary, mething very few have ever en."

"I was scared," Zamora said.



SOCORRO POLICEMAN Lonnie Zamora tells how he spotted an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro, N.M. Zamora said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away as he watched. With Zamora is Sgt. David Moddy, assistant to UFO (unidentified flying objects) investigator Maj. William Connor of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. Zamora is described as a "reliable witness." (UPI Telephoto.)

Battling Babe Hospitalized After Brawl

A woman was taken to Thomason General Hospital late yesterday minus half an inch of her index finger, after another woman bit it off. The fight was in a bar in the 800 block of South Stanton street, over a shuffleboard game played by the women and

Vice-Chairman Of UF Named



Slayer Hits Head On Wall

Lawyers Want More Examinations For Insanity

United Press International

DALLAS, April 27. — Jack Ruby, still sore from a headfirst dash into his cell wall in an apparent suicide attempt, was expected back in court today to ask for more mental tests.

RUBY, AWAITING death in the electric hair for the murder of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, was not seriously hurt in the incident early yesterday morning.

He was expected to appear with his lawyers this morning before Dist. Judge Joe B. Brown, who presided over his trial, to argue that mental tests given him before the trial did not go deep enough. His attorneys, headed by lawyer-physician Dr. Hubert Winston Smith, filed a request for the tests last week. They said they want more tests, including the use of hypnotism and truth serum (sodium pentathol).

SHERIFF BILL DECKER said Ruby was talking to S. J. Bow

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UFO Sighting, Socorro, New Mexico, 24 Apr 64 13 May 64

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1. The following is a resume on the unidentified flying object sighted by Mr Lonnie Zamora, of Socorro, New Mexico.

a. At approximately 1745, 24 Apr 64, while giving chase to a car in Socorro, Mr Lonnie Zamora heard what he believed to be a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest, approximately one half mile away. Mr Zamora, ~~who is~~ a policeman for the Socorro Police Department, believed that a dynamite shack in the area had blown up and decided to go to the shack and not pursue the speeding automobile.

b. Mr Zamora claims that the flame was bluish and sort of orange in color. However, he could not tell the size of the flame which was slowly descending. The flame was of a narrow type and streamed down into sort of a funnel shape. At this time he was still driving his car and did not pay too much attention.

c. Mr Zamora traveled slowly on the gravel road westward toward the object. He noted nothing for a while and he went slowly looking for the shack; he could not recall exactly where the shack was located. He suddenly noted to the south of his position a shiny object which was off the road. At first glance it appeared as a car upside down. He thought some kids might have turned it over. At this point he saw two people in white coveralls, quite close to the object. One of these persons seemed to stop and look straight at him and seemed startled. At this point Mr Zamora was traveling with the idea of helping them. The object was like aluminum-white, smooth, but not like chrome. Object was oval shape and at first glance appeared to look like an overturned white automobile. The only time that Mr Zamora saw the two people in white coveralls was when he stopped, probably two seconds or so. The two persons appeared to be normal in shape. At this point Mr Zamora proceeded towards the object and radioed the sheriff's office at Socorro of a possible accident. He informed the Socorro office that he would be busy and out of his car, checking the object.

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LBJ Seeks Billions For Appalachia

Emergency Program Goes to Congress After Johnson Trip

United Press International

WASHINGTON, April 27. —President Johnson sends to Congress today his emergency program for helping the poverty-stricken Appalachia region.

A PRICE TAG of $3 billion to $4 billion has been put on the program, but the White House said the total outlay could not be calculated accurately. It would cost $220 million in the coming fiscal year.

Johnson, who made a five-state tour of the Appalachian area Friday, worked over the weekend with aides on the "must" legislation he planned to send to the Senate and House.

THE PRESIDENT told his news conference Saturday that his proposals would call for improved highways and communications, better flood control, better use of the region's coal, timber and land, and development of human resources.

Johnson said his tour also sug-

Soviets Battle to Save Fabled Ancient Samarkand

United Press International

MOSCOW, April 27. — Soviet engineers today expressed confidence of winning a "battle of nature" to save the fabled ancient city of Samarkind from a threatened flood by millions of tons of water.

Waters of the Zeravshan River strained against a natural dam caused by a massive landslide in the central Asian region. Collapse of the 800-foot-high barrier would send the water down the valley across the ring cotton and grape area where 500,000 people live.

MOSCOW RADIO said this morning, however, that engineers had nearly finished a "bypass canal" around the dam, slowing the rise in pressure.

Dynamite is being put in toplace and the charges will be detonated Wednesday, forcing the river into a new bed and allowing the accumulated water to run off harmlessly, the radio said.

At that time, it said, "the danger of floods will be completely eliminated."

REPORTS FROM the dam said the water had been rising 15 inches an hour and had formed a 100-foot deep lake in three days. But Moscow radio said this morning the rate of increase had



SOVIET OFFICIALS hurriedly evacuated villagers near a bulging, earth slide-formed lake which threatened to flood an Uzbekistan valley and overflow into the legendary golden city of Samarkand (shaded area in UPI newsmap.). TASS, the Soviet news agency, said the quake cut nearby Darnvorz Mountain in two, dropping a mass of rock as high as an 80 story building into a nearby river. (UPI Telephoto.)

Lynda's Engagement

Alamogordo Daily News

Mystifying Flying Object Is Sighted

Unusual Marks Found

The man in the street was mystified and the military and other authorities were "investigating" today following reports of the landing of an unidentified flying object at the outskirts of Socorro Friday afternoon and the sighting of two strange persons who left odd, pug-shaped marks instead of footprints.

Socorro City Officer Lonnie Zamora told of seeing the egg-shaped vehicle, roughly the size of an automobile, after he had noted a flash in the southwest sky about 5 p.m. Friday while on routine patrol.

He said he drove to the area, where he got within about 100 feet of the strange craft, saw two 'men' adjacent to it wearing white suits, who jumped in and roared away when they noticed Zamora.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez, formerly stationed at Tularosa, was summoned to the scene by Zamora via radio and said he arrived at the site within three minutes after receiving the call. He said dry grass at the obvious point of landing still was smouldering, apparently from a jet-like blast on take-off, and that mesquite bushes in the vicinity were singed.

Craft Zoomed Away

Zamora said the craft headed due west at an altitude of about 20 feet for nearly a mile, then increased speed rapidly and vanished straight up.

Spokesmen for military installations in the area said they could account for no unusual manifestation from any testing going on at their bases, but said the reports were being investigated.

A party from Stallion Site on White Sands Missile Range visited the landing site Saturday morning, took soil samples, and submitted a report to higher authorities.

The Holloman UFO officer said he had made a report on the sighting to higher echelons, but neither White Sands nor Holloman would comment other than to state that obvious physical evidence at the site indicated some unusual occurrence.

Area Sighting Of Flash

A report to State Police here Saturday at 10 a.m. by a motorist on Highway 70 said a "bright object" had been seen to go down in the vicinity of Round Mountain east of Tularosa, but no particular search of the area was made. It was not known if the occurrence here

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The El Paso Times

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Policeman Recalls Night Which [redacted]s Life

By JAKE BOOHER
Associated Press Writer

Socorro, N.M. Socorro P[redacted] man Lonnie Zamora now w[redacted] nights so he can sleep.

One year ago Saturday Zam[redacted] investigated what sounded [redacted] two explosions in the hills s[redacted] of Socorro, towards the end[redacted] an afternoon-evening shift.

What he found kept him aw[redacted] nights so he transferred to [redacted] 10 p.m.-6 a.m. shift.

As far as unidentified fly[redacted] objects (UFS's) go, said the c[redacted] Air Force UFO investigator, J. Allen Hynek of Northwest[redacted] University, "This is one of [redacted] classic cases." He said he w[redacted] more puzzled than ever after [redacted] investigation.

It was more frightening th[redacted] anything that could happen," [redacted] ra says. "You get into a g[redacted] battle and you're scared, b[redacted] once it's over, it's over. B[redacted] this you can't forget.

"At night I couldn't sleep [redacted] would come home from wo[redacted] and sit for hours thinking abo[redacted]

The 31-year-old father of two said he has answered about 1,000 letters of about 2,000 received from persons he doesn't know and said he has heard the term 'flying saucer' enough to last a lifetime.

"I didn't see a flying saucer; I don't even know what one would look like."

The experience has had another effect on the officer. He said he now trys to keep someone with him while on duty. He said he had just let his partner out of their patrol car for dinn[redacted] a year ago today when he ga[redacted] chase to a speeding car. Th[redacted] he heard what sounded like t[redacted] explosions and gave up the cha[redacted] to investigate, finding what [redacted] thought was an overturned c[redacted] in a wash on a hill.

Two figures in white overa[redacted] were outside the vehicle, [redacted] mora said.

"Then a big noise started a[redacted] it (the UFO) came up and h[redacted] ered there. I could hear a lo[redacted] bing, bing, bing.' I didn't kno[redacted] whether to shoot, start running or call back for help. I crouched down behind my car."

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ocorro To Use Flying Object As Tourist Catch

[redacted] ssociated Press Writer

OCORRO (AP) — One year o Saturday, Socorro police-n Lonnie Zamora reported eing an unidentified flying ject on a lonely hill just south Socorro.

Among results were a Force investigation, subse sightings almost daily in parts of the country, and declaration by an official o International Lunar Society earth again had been v from another world.

For Zamora, however, past year can be summa in one sentence:

"If I can just forget abo maybe it will go away."

The 31-year-old father of explains that he had to re that his working hours changed, has answered 1,000 letters of 2,000 from p he doesn't know and has h the term "flying saucer" en to last a lifetime.

He appealed to the Soc weekly newspaper last mon publish an article clarifying he [redacted] ob [redacted] "I d ould look like," he says.

Zamora asked to be tra ferred to a 10 p.m.-6 a.m. wo hift, he said, "Because at nig couldn't sleep—I would co ome from work and sit up ours thinking about it."

More Frightening

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Now, Zamora said he tries ep someone with him wh n duty. He recalls that he h st let his partner out of th atrol car for dinner when ave chase to a speeding car. Then he heard what sounded ke [redacted]

[redacted] the officer of six years experience said.

"If I had run down there I could have seen a lot more," he said, "but I took my time.

"Then a big noise started it (the UFO) came up and h ered there. I could hear a bing, bing, bing.'

Called For Help

"I didn't know whether shoot, start running or call for help.

"I crouched down behind car."

Zamora said he called help and State Police Sgt. S Chave [redacted]

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"I wanted to keep it to myself," Zamora said, "but made me report it. But if thing like this should eve pen again. I'll know w do."

That evening the FBI, Air Force and other police officers were on the scene.

"I thought at first that it was some kind of Air Force plane," he said, "because the Air Force took charge of everything and was so busy. Now I don't know what it was."

Claim To Fame

But regardless of how much Zamo [redacted] wants to forget, [redacted] den [redacted] it as a tourist a [redacted] ty Clerk Ray Senn said.

The road to the site, almost impassible last year, has been graded. Posters are being planned by the chamber of commerce for placement within Socorro businesses to alert tourists to the town's claim to fame.

A portion of a movie on UFO's was filmed earlier this year at Socorro. Much of the town's hope for additional tourist dollars is based on this film, which Films Studio of Holly- [redacted]

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Radar Tie-In Sought To UFO Report

~~XXXX~~ DAYTON JOURNAL HERALD APRIL 30, 1964

SOCORRO, N.M. — (AP) — One of the things that bothers the scientist investigating New Mexico's unidentified flying object reports for the Air Force is the lack of mention of radar contacts.

"It's my understanding New Mexico is infested with radar equipment," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern university, an astronomer who is a special consultant to the Air Force. "I'm going to check to see if there have been radar contacts that might tie into these reports."

Dr. Hynek visited yesterday the secluded hill where Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora reported seeing an egg-shaped object fly away from a draw last Friday evening. Other reports have followed.

The Socorro report and another at La Madera in northern New Mexico were similar in that state and military authorities confirmed a scorched area where the object was supposed to have landed, and wedge-shaped impressions that appeared to have been left by some type of landing gear.

Dr. Hynek would not offer an opinion on just what Zamora did see.

He said he had investigated many such sightings but "This is one of the clearest, no that's not the right word; just say it is one of the soundest, best substantiated reports as far as it goes.

"Usually one finds many contradictions or omissions in these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "But Mr. Zamora's story is simply told, certainly told without any intent to perpetuate a hoax."

Dayton Daily News

Sergeant Probing Saucer Report

27 Apr 64

A Wright-Patterson AFB investigator is on a team probing the sighting of a flying saucer in Socorro, N.M., it was reported today.

T/Sgt. David Moody, a WPAFB expert in unidentified flying objects, found no evidence of radio-active material in the desert where the strange object was seen Friday night by Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora.

POLICE AND military men seem inclined to believe Zamora.

"Zamora is a very reliable witness," said Army Capt. Richard T. Yolder, uprange commander of The White Sands Stallion range, whose headquarters is near the central New Mexico town.

The policeman spotted an egg-shaped object on the desert about a mile south of Socorro.

THERE WERE no signs of life around it; but when he approached it, the object rose and flew slowly away until it faded from sight, he reported.

Sgt. Moody and other Air Force investigators found a bush, which supposedly was burned by exhaust from the saucer, and evidence of four depressions in the ground.

ZAMORA SAID the machine was supported by four girder-like legs.

Nearby Air Force bases reported they had no objects in the air that are similar to the machine Zamora saw.

Government agencies are continuing their investigation, Holder said.

Six Cars Derail; Rip Mile of Track

COLUMBUS, O., Apr. 27—(AP)—Six cars of a Pennsylvania railroad freight train derailed at the Orange Rd. crossing on the Delaware-Franklin county line early today, tearing up about a mile of track.

There were no injuries. Cause of the accident was not known immediately. The Ohio Highway patrol said at least one crossing probably would remain closed most of the day.

ASTRONOMER TO NEW MEXICO

Flying Objects Area Probed

SOCORRO, N.M.—(AP)—An astronomer from the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University was here today to examine the secluded hill where a Socorro policeman reports seeing a mysterious, eggshaped flying object.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the special unidentified flying object consultant to the Air Force, was sent to New Mexico after a rash of reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects in the state.

He planned to visit the place where officer Lonnie Zamora said he spotted the object Friday.

Zamora said the object was a brilliant white with a red marking on it . . . an upside down V with lines across the top, through the middle and at the bottom.

He said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.

Since Zamora's sighting, at least six reports have been made to authorities, including one from a youth who said he fired several shots at something about 100 feet in the air near Moriarty.

T. Sgt. David Moody of the Aerial Phenomena Branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is in New Mexico to assist Hynek, a Wright-Patterson spokesman said.

Hynek said his investigation in Socorro will determine whether he will visit Espanola, where a state police captain, Martin Vigil, found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after a reported sighting.

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations in the ground at the Socorro site and near Espanola.

(In Washington, the Air Force said its investigation of the reported sighting is "routine" and it will release the results of the investigation when it is completed.)

3 minutes to go six miles = 100 mi/hr

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'Talked With Occupants'

Man Here Claims He Saw Saucers 5 Times

By MARTIN PASKIND

"I don't know why they picked me," said Apolinar A. Villa Jr. "I'm just an ordinary working man — just a mechanic.

"They said there was a purpose. What it is, I don't know."

Five times in about five years, says "Paul" Villa, he has seen flying saucers. Twice, he has talked to their occupants.

And once, he says, he returned from his encounter with a roll of film. If Villa is the victim of fantasy, it's fantasy in Kodacolor.

Villa, 47, lives with his son and daughter-in-law in a trailer behind 601 Niagara NE. Born in Tijeras, he attended Longfellow Elementary School and Lincoln Junior High School.

Quit School

He quit during his first year at Albuquerque High School. Since then, he served in the Army Air Force. A mechanic, Villa works for N. C. Ribble and Co. here.

"The pictures are authentic. They're the real thing," he says. "There are a lot of things I can't say — because so help me God, I don't think anybody would believe it. But the pictures are the real thing."

Villa who is not surprised at recent saucer sightings, took his pictures with a Japanese camera the last time he saw the saucers, he said. Last June 16, he said, he spent from 2:30 to 4 in the afternoon with the people — men and women — borne by the space machine.

The saucer's occupants, said Villa, were not superhuman. But they were superior to our species in physical qualities, and in quality of knowledge.

Expect Volcanic Activity

Saucer crewmembers, he said, expect a large-scale renewal of volcanic activity along the volcano rim just west of here. And they expect it soon.

This year, they expect catastrophic war between Russia and China — a war that will involve many Asian nations.

Why hasn't Villa sought a place of safety? "We can't get away from what God has decreed for us," he said.

Villa's said his first saucer sighting came on the West Coast, when he conversed with the occupant of a small saucer.

Twice, the devices hovered over his home, then at 4187 Edith NE. The second time, the home was burned, Villa said. The burning was for disciplinary reasons.

Sighting Near Lindrith

Once Villa sighted a saucer near Lindrith. This was the largest—about 900 feet in diameter.

The saucer he viewed near Peralta was about 160 feet across, Villa said.

From it stepped a number of people from the far-distant galaxy of Coma Berenices, imaginably far distant from here.

In the meeting, and in telepathic contacts before and since, Villa said he acquired fragments of the starmen's knowledge.

It was his effort to convert parts of this knowledge to his own profit, says Villa, that resulted in a stream of ill fortune. His home burned—totally and without insurance. He shot himself in the arm. He went through bankruptcy.

Friendly People

"They seemed to have known me for a long time," said Villa. "There were lots of things they had answers for. They were a very friendly sort of people."

Friendliness notwithstanding, they left Villa in no doubt about what would happen should he persist in efforts to duplicate their devices.

Villa said the starmen are interested in New Mexico because of a magnetic fault in Farmington—their ships travel "magnetic lines."

"They put a lot of stress on New Mexico and parts of Arizona and Utah," he said. "They mentioned something about volcanoes."

Clothed in tight-fitting one-piece uniform, the starmen made an attractive crew. And what did they think of us?

"Their opinion is not that we're bad or good," Villa said. Nor will they attempt to save the human race from itself.

"They know that there is a super intelligence that governs all the universe and everything in it," he said.

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Air Force UFO Expert to Check 'Saucer' Reports

SOCORRO (AP) — Dr. J. Allen Hynek, special unidentified flying object consultant for the Air Force, arrived in Socorro Tuesday night to begin his investigation of a Socorro policeman's report that he saw a mysterious flying object last Friday.

Dr. Hynek said he hoped to talk to the policeman, Lonnie Zamora, and then visit the site where Zamora says he saw the object this morning.

Dr. Hynek, of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University, said he would decide whether to visit Espanola, where another object was reportedly spotted over the weekend, after his investigation of the Socorro incident.

He said he had not been advised by the Air Force if his presence here indicates that the government has eliminated the possibility of U. S. aircraft having caused the reports.

Capt. Hector Quintanilla, chief of the Aerial Phenomena Branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, said T. Sgt. David Moody of the office already was in New Mexico and would assist Dr. Hynek in the investigation.

Fired at Object

The most recent report of the objects came early Tuesday morning from State Policeman Tommy Richardson of the US-66 community of Moriarty.

He said he had a call from Don Adams of Edgewood, near Moriarty, who told of seeing an object about 100 feet off the ground. He said it appeared to be a fluorescent or green-colored glowing object.

Adams told the officer he drove his car under the object and his car stalled. The youth reported he then got out and fired six shots at the object, reloaded and fired again.

The report was another in a series which have kept New Mexico and military authorities busy since Zamora's original report Friday. The reports, until Tuesday, had come from points following a line from south of Truth or Consequences to an area near Espanola.

Space Beings Hinted

At Tucson, the director of the Aerial Phenomena Re-

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search Organization said she believes intelligent beings from another planet made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

"We are convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw," Coral Lorenzon, the director, said after her return from investigating the reported landing of a UFO near Socorro.

Mrs. Lorenzon said the sighting of an object northwest of Espanola early Sunday was similar to the one described at Socorro. She said she is investigating the other reported sightings during the past few days.

The organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952 and she says it now has nearly 800 members around the world. She says there are some 6-12 landing incidences a year and she believes they are made by beings from another planet.

A sea water desalting plant sent from San Diego to Guantanamo Bay will produce 750,000 gallons of fresh water daily.

Couple Reports Sighting Objects

An Albuquerque couple, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Green, 1805 Walter SE, told the Journal Tuesday night that two unidentified flying objects, traveling near the speed of jet planes, crossed US-85 in front of the truck they were riding in.

Green, a driver for Apache Lumber Co., said he had been to Socorro to deliver a load of lumber. He had started back to Albuquerque and was about 17 miles north of Socorro at 5:30 p.m. when he sighted the two objects one about 200 yards behind the other.

They came from the west, to his left, he said, and remained in sight for possibly two minutes, moving east, before disappearing over the horizon. Green described them as egg-shaped, about half as large as jet planes, shining brightly when the sun hit them but showing no visible smoke ejection.

Mrs. Green said she was frightened and got beneath the dashboard of the truck after sighting the objects.

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Believes Intelligent Beings on UFOs Sighted in State

TUCSON, Ariz., April 28 (UPI) —A Tucson woman who does research in unidentified flying objects believes intelligent beings from another planet have made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzon, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, just returned from investigating the reported landing of an unidentified object in Socorro, N. M., last Friday.

"We are convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw," said Mrs. Lorenzon, who has investigated many such incidences.

City Officer Lonnie Zamora said he saw an egg-shaped object about the size of a large automobile land with a roar and a burst of blue flame. Then the object flew off.

Mrs. Lorenzon said other sightings have been reported in New Mexico in the past few days and she is investigating them.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952. She said it now has nearly 800 members around the world.

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discovered were "paw prints, like a mountain lion's," as well as "landing gear marks."

Photos Mailed

The associate director of Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects said from his Oklahoma City office that pictures of an UFO sighted in 1956 by a shipboard radio officer were being mailed to Zamora.

The photos were taken by T. Fogl aboard the USS Ramsey off the California coast. The IIUFO officer, Hayden Hews, said the object was "almost ientical" in size, coloring, marking, characteristics and landing gears to the thing reported by Zamora.

"Either it was an awful good coincidence or it is the same object," Hews said.

Zamora, when contacted at his home early today, said he had not yet received the photographs.

Meanwhile, military officials at Kirtland and Holloman Air Force bases and White Sands Missile Range continued efforts to investigate the sightings . . . with no end in sight.

By United Press International

A rash of unidentified flying object sightings had New Mexico State Police, local law enforcement agencies and military installations in a dither today.

No less than six "authentic" spottings have been reported since Friday when Socorro Policeman Lonnie Zamora sighted an egg-shaped object which roared off the ground, leaving deep impressions and burned patches.

Fired 12 Shots

Don Adams of Edgewood told State Police he fired 12 .22-calibre pistol shots at an "oblong thing" early today. He told of hitting the UFO six times and hearing the bullets bounce from it.

As he paused to reload, the man said, the object moved silently northward. He was unable to determine whether shots 7 to 12 struck the thing. He described it as being a light green color, about 25 or 30 feet long, and silent. He said it hovered about 100 feet directly over his head.

Edgewood is about 30 miles east of Albuquerque.

A few hours earlier, a motorist in the Las Vegas area reported seeing a ball of fire which apparently landed near a radio station. Employes of the station said the man asked that his name be withheld because he was afraid of being laughed at.

Police also received similar reports Sunday from a Santa Fe man . . . Orlando Gallegos . . . who told of seeing an egg-shaped metal object near La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. He told of seeing flames spurt from numerous jets around the bottom of the object as it took off.

State Police Capt. Martin Vigil, who checked out the incident, said "There was definitely something there."

Other reports came from an Albuquerque motorist who saw a "silver looking" object near Truth or Consequences, two men driving in the La Madera area and a Socorro teen-ager.

In both the Socorro and La Madera reports, burned land was found at the sites. Also

d. Mr Zamora stopped his car while he was still talking on the radio and started to get out. He finished his conversation with the sheriff's office and proceeded towards where the object was. He then heard a roar, a very loud roar but not like a jet, which was of low frequency and then rose in frequency and very very loud. At the same time that the roar was heard he saw a flame. The flame was under the object. Object started to go straight up, slowly. Object rose slowly and flame was coming from the bottom. The color was light blue and sort of orange, but he saw no smoke. However, there was dust in the immediate area. As soon as Mr Zamora saw the flame and heard the roar he turned and ran away from the object. He bumped his leg on the back fender of his auto, lost his glasses, fell to the ground, got up and proceeded away from the object for at least another 50 feet. He fell to the ground and covered himself like an ostrich, expecting the object to blow up. The roar lasted for a few seconds.

e. When there was complete silence, he lifted his head and saw the object going away from him. The object appeared to go straight up to an altitude of 15 feet and proceed slowly towards the dynamite shack where it cleared the shack by what appeared to be three feet. Object traveled six miles in three minutes.

f. Mr Zamora went back to his car and asked the radio operator at the station to look out the window and see if he could spot the object. The radio operator failed to spot the object because he was facing North and could not see the object from this angle.

g. Mr Zamora claims that the object had no flame whatsoever as it was flying over the ground and he could see no smoke.

h. After the object had left the area, Sgt Chaves, of the New Mexico State Patrol, arrived at the scene. Sgt Chaves claims that Mr Zamora was perspiring and very white, very pale. Sgt Chaves and Mr Zamora saw a burning brush and proceeded to the spot where the object had first been seen.

i. Mr Zamora claims that the object had two legs slanted outwards, towards the ground and he also claims that he distinctly heard two or three loud thumps, like someone possibly shutting or opening a door.

2. It is my belief that Mr Zamora is telling the truth and that hee did in fact see a man made object which probably belongs to one of the services. There is no indication that this vehicle which Mr Zamora saw came from outer space, now or ever.

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'Flying Bathtub' Seen by Motorist

SOCORRO, April 27 (AP) — Socorro police were called to the scene last night where an officer reported seeing a strange flying object and later a motorist reported a silvery object in the air near Caballo Reservoir.

Officer Bill Pyland said a girl, who didn't give her name reported a fire in the hilly area one mile southwest of Socorro.

Officer Lonnie Zamora, while patrolling in his car Friday, said he saw an egg-shaped object land in a draw. When he approached, he said, the object flew away with a roar.

Pyland said the girl, about 18, said she was from 300 to 500 feet from the fire and she thought there was something in the flames.

Pyland said men searched the area described by the girl but found nothing. He said officers would visit the area in daylight, noting it would be difficult to find any exact spot at night in the brushy desert terrain surrounding Socorro.

Representatives of the military and other officers who visited the spot where Zamora saw the object land found burned brush and scorched

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Officer Lonnie Zamora

Heights Resident Saw 'Object' Here

A Vermont NE resident today told The Tribune she and a friend saw a strange silvery object flying over the State Fairgrounds last Thursday afternoon.

The resident, who asked that her name not be published, said the object was definitely not an airplane. She and her friend were in a car traveling south on San Pedro between 3:30 and 4 p.m. when they saw the UFO.

She said that the object was more or less egg shaped, similar to the description given by Socorro Officer Lonnie Zamora of an object he saw land near Soccorro.

earth. They also found four impressions in the earth, apparently left by landing gear.

The motorist, who identified himself to Pyland as George Mitropolis of Albuquerque, said that while driving north from El Paso he saw a "silver looking object go up, over a mountain, and down" out of sight.

Mitropolis said there was another car ahead of him when he first saw the object.

"I caught up with them (the other car) and stopped them because I wanted to know if they had seen it too. There were two young men but they denied seeing anything."

He said he first reported it to Truth or Consequences officers, "but they just got a laugh out of it and told me to tell it to Socorro police because they had reported something like it."

Mitropolis said he felt better when he learned in Socorro that others had seen a similar object.

"No, I hadn't read about the other one before," he said.

He said he was near the junction of U. S. 85 and New Mexico 180 and the object appeared to be about a quarter of a mile to the east. He said it looked like "an upside down bathtub" about 30 feet in diameter. It had no lights.

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Girl Says She Was Burned While Watching UFO Here

By JERRY SMOTHERS

Concern over unidentified flying objects continued at a high pitch here today.

Latest incidents include:

—A report from a 10-year-old girl that she was burned while watching a strange egg-shaped thing in the sky yesterday afternoon.

—A report from a truck driver and his wife that they saw two mysterious objects in the sky between here and Socorro.

The rash of incidents started Friday when a policeman saw a UFO take off south of Socorro. UFO experts from different parts of the country are in New Mexico to investigate.

Suffering eye, nose and face burns yesterday afternoon was Sharon Stull, one of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Stull of 1409 Wilmoore SE.

On Lowell School Ground

She said she gazed at a UFO for five or 10 minutes shortly before 12:30 p.m. on the Lowell School ground at 1809 Ross SE after returning there from lunch at home.

After 1 p.m., while in class, she noticed burning sensations about the eyes and face. She and her mother believe her burns were inflicted by the thing in the sky.

Sharon said she was not facing the sun while watching the thing, slightly smaller than an airplane and having no windows, speed across the sky and disappear in the distance. Her mother said the child has never had a sunburn and couldn't have gotten one in the few minutes she was outside.

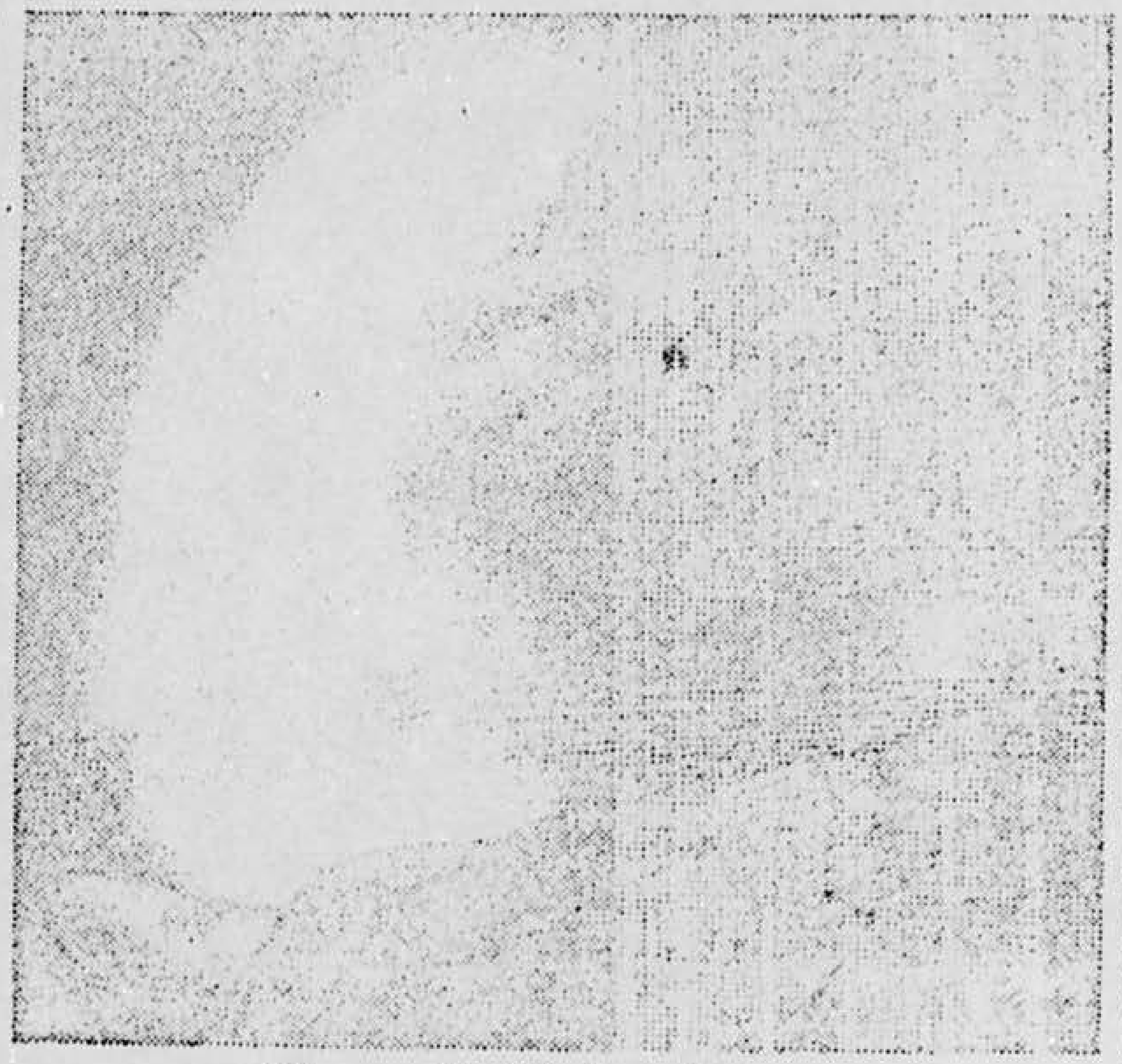
Her sister, Robin, 8, says she, too, saw the thing, but paid little attention to it and didn't continue to watch it. Sharon said two other children also glanced at it briefly.

Sharon was treated by a doctor at Bataan Hospital last night and was kept in bed at home today with her blinds down to protect her inflamed eyes and eyelids.

Complains of Pains

Part of her face and nose appeared to be puffy and red. She continued to complain of burn pains.

Police interviewed her at length about the incident and had her draw the silvery object.



Sharon Stull in Bed Today

Sharon's doctor said his diagnosis is conjunctivitis (membrane inflammation) of both eyes and first - degree sunburn under the eyes and on the nose, adding:

"The sun exposure she had yesterday would usually be considered insufficient to cause the burns and inflammation. It appears to be the type of burns and inflammation caused by longer exposure to the sun."

He said he believes there is no permanent eye damage.

Mrs. Stull was extremely concerned and frightened over the incident today. She also kept Robin home from school.

"I'm just scared to death," Mrs. Stull said.

Truck driver Napoleon Green, 37, and his wife, 35, of 1305 Walter SE, said they sighted two UFO's traveling at about the speed of jet planes at 5:30 p.m. yesterday as they were driving toward Albuquerque on U. S. 85, 17 miles north of Socorro.

Shine Brightly

"I wasn't going to report it because I didn't want to believe my eyes," Mr. Green said today. He said his wife dived beneath the truck's dashboard after seeing the egg-shaped things, about half the size of jet planes and shining brightly in the setting sun.

Green said he saw them possibly two minutes before they disappeared over the eastern horizon.

Federal Aviation Agency officials said they have seen nothing unusual in the sky or on their radar screens. Airplanes appear only as small dots on the screens and it is unlikely a UFO could be distinguished from an airplane on radar.

One official said it would be possible in some areas to track a UFO to see where it goes, if they received a report from a responsible agency immediately after a sighting. Radar sightings have to be in a direct line and can be blocked by mountains, making low - altitude radar tracking difficult sometimes, he advised.

The Weather Bureau, FAA and Kirtland AF Base said there were no balloons or other strange - appearing objects in the sky here, to their knowledge, at the time Sharon saw what she did.

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Socorro Officer Saw Two Men Step Out of Big UFO

SOCORRO, April 25 (UP) — A report by a Socorro policeman that he saw an egg-shaped flying object land near here yesterday has the FBI and military authorities interested.

Officer Lonnie Zamora said he not only saw the object but also saw two occupants who alighted after it landed about one mile mile southwest of Socorro in a draw.

State Police Sgt. Sam Chavez said he received a call from the Pentagon and the caller indicated the site would be inspected by someone from Washington.

As Officer Zamora tells his experience:

While in his patrol car about 5:50 p.m. yesterday he heard what he thought was an explosion in the area where a dynamite shack is located. He drove to within 150 yards of the draw where he spotted what appeared to be an overturned car. Moving closer he saw two figures moving about outside the vehicle.

One looked directly at him. As Zamora moved closer he lost sight of the object behind a hill.

He continued driving to the draw and parked. He walked to within 200 feet of the object and again heard a roar. Taking cover behind his car Zamora saw the object, of brilliant white metal, rise and hover about 20 feet off the ground. It then flew off to the west, rising gradually.

"I was scared," said Azmora, when he heard the deep roar. "I thought it was going to blow up."

Zamora said he called Sgt. Chavez on his car radio. Chavez joined him and both approached the site of the apparent landing. They found scorched ground and burned weeds.

They also found four 4-5-inch depressions in the ground which apparently had supported a heavy object.

Chavez said the impressions were irregularly spaced with the distance between them varying from about nine feet to 15 feet. He estimated the length of the object at about 15 feet from the position of what apparently were landing gear legs.

Zamora said men who identified themselves as from Army intelligence at White Sands Missile Range took samples of the soil.

"Something definitely landed there," Chavez said.

Zamora was described as a man not given to imagining things.

Besides the landing gear marks, Zamora said he found what appeared to be two round prints like heel marks. Another man who visited the site described the marks as looking like mountain lion pad marks.

An FBI agent visited the spot this morning.

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produce the situation described in the report," Holder said.

Zamora said the craft cleared a dynamite shack by only a couple of feet as it departed. He lost sight of it within a matter of minutes, he claimed.

He noticed the object after he investigated a cloud of smoke about a mile south of Socorro. He was aware of the dynamite shack in the vicinity and thought at first it exploded, he said.

The craft was in a draw not visible from main roads. He first saw it from about 200 yards and thought it was an overturned car. He said he saw what appeared to be a pair of white coveralls, but whether anything was in them he did not know.

Within 100 Feet

He eventually got within about 100 feet, and it was then Zamora said he noticed it was something out of the ordinary.

"It had red lettering of some kind on the sides," Zamora said. He said the object was on the ground, supported by four girder-like legs.

At the site, four five to six inch depressions were found as well as a couple of round tracks about four inches in diameter which officers theorized might have been made by occupants of the craft. They even went so far as to estimate by the depression that the tracks were made by a being of approximately 120-160 pounds.

On the spot where the object supposedly sat was a once-green bush, most of it burned bare by exhaust heat. Zamora said it was still smoking several minutes after the craft's departure.

Leslie J. Lorenzen, a member of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, drove to Socorro from Tucson to take samples of the soil and indicated the story was credible to him.

"Reliable people are seeing incredible things," Lorenzen said. "Similar things have happened all over the world and certain details correlate."

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SCENE OF MYSTERY: Lonnie Zamora, left, Socorro policeman, shows Air Force investigators where he saw a mysterious flying object — at rest and in flight — Friday evening. In center, holding Geiger counter, is Maj. William Conner, officer assigned to unidentified flying object investigations at Kirtland Air Force Base, and at right is Sgt. David Moody of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, who maintains voluminous files of reported unidentified flying objects. Small bush in foreground, according to Zamora, was defoliated and partially blackened by exhaust fumes from the strange object. (Journal photo by Ray Cary)

Won't Tell Soul Next Time

UFO Witness Sighs At Reports of What He Supposedly Said

By CHARLES RICHARDS

SOCORRO (UPI) — A policeman who gained sudden national attention Friday after he saw an egg-shaped flying object near Socorro said Sunday his experience had taught him something.

Socorro policeman Lonnie Zamora said he would turn around and run, just like he did Friday evening, but next time he'd never mention it to a soul.

"There have been so many phone calls," he sighed. And most of Sunday he spent shaking his head over some of the reports of what he supposedly said about the incident.

"Maybe you'd better ask some of these other guys," Zamora told reporters. "I'm the only one who saw it, but they seem to know more about it than I do."

Denies Seeing Creatures

Zamora denied he had seen any little creatures around the object and said the unusual machine rose off the ground and flew slowly away in a southwesterly direction until it faded out of sight. It never got more than about 20 feet off the g r o u n d while he was watching it, Zamora said, contrary to reports the object had zoomed up and away from him at a high rate of speed.

Two investigating officers from Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque said reports a man from the Pentagon would come to Socorro also were false.

Termed 'Fantastic'

Capt. Richard T. Holder, a White Sands Missile Range commander, termed the incident "fantastic" but referred to Zamora as a reliable witness. "Neither White Sands nor Holloman Air Force Base has anything which would

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UFO Sighting Re-Enacted; No Help to Scientist

SOCORRO (AP) — An Air rce consultant on unidentified flying objects had Poeman Lonnie Zamora react in detail Wednesday the hting of a UFO in Socorro t Friday.

The consultant, Dr. J. Allen nek, said after the re-entment that he could draw conclusions on what Zara saw and was "more zzled than I was when I rived here."

Dr. Hynek returned to Alquerque Wednesday afteron and departed for the ist by plane.

Zamora reported seeing an g-shaped object fly away m a draw last Friday eveg. Other reports have folved.

After the re-enactment, wever, Dr. Hynek said he is puzzled that there was evidence at the Socorro site of ignition of a thrust unit powerful enough to lift a vehicle the size Zamora reported.

Dr. Hynek said he was also puzzled by lack of radar contacts with objects that have been reported.

"It's my understanding New Mexico is infested with radar equipment," he said. "I'm going to check to see if there have been radar contacts that might tie into these reports."

"Usually one finds many contradictions or omissions in these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "But Mr. Zamora's story is simply told, certainly told without any intent to perpetrate a hoax. The story of course was told by a man who obviously was frightened badly by what he did see. He certainly must have seen something."

Zamora's reliability as a witness was supported by Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of the University of New Mexico who has an international reputation in running down reports on fireballs and meteorites.

"I would first point out that we are not personally involved in the investigation of these unidentified flying objects," Dr. LaPaz said. "But I do want to say that I have had contacts with Mr. Zamora in my work and he is a thoroughly dependable observer.

Dr. Hynek said he found little at the Socorro site.

"The area certainly has been thoroughly messed up by the tourists. There's nothing to see there now."

He said soil samples had been taken to "see if there are any particles in the ashes or at the site that might be foreign to this area."

Dr. Hynek said that a report that the Air Force had asked Zamora not to discuss the markings was false.

"No one in the Air Force even suggested that nothing should be said about the markings," he said.

Dr. Hynek also was asking universities in the state if they knew of any geophysical group work in the state.

"These people often have some strange type of vehicles and aircraft they use in these rugged areas when taking radioactive samples," he said.

A 10-year-old Albuquerque girl was treated Tuesday night for what her mother told police were "infra-red" burns received when she looked up at a "flying saucer."

Hynek said he went to the girl's home Wednesday. He said she appeared to be suffering from sunburn or a skin infection.

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Is This the Answer?

U. S. Government aircraft flying at low levels along US-66 and US-70-80 taking photographs with powerful electronic flash equipment during the last week, may be part of the answer to the rash of "flying saucers" seen in New Mexico.

The jet airplanes were taking the photos during both day and night times from Albuquerque west to Kingman, Ariz., and from Deming west to Casa Grande, Ariz., up until Sunday, according to a Kirtland AF Base spokesman.

Saturday night one of the Kirtland - based jets flew over Albuquerque with two bright "strobe" (electronic flash) units flashing on and off every second and lighting up a large area below it each time with a white, almost bluish light.

The "saucer" sightings began Friday when a Socorro policeman said he saw an egg-shaped object a short distance from the town. Since then several reports have been forwarded to police and military authorities.

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Flying Object Expert Checks Socorro Scene

Astronomer Takes Photos At UFO Site

(Compiled from Press Dispatches)

SOCORRO, April 29 — The Air Force's chief consultant on unidentified flying objects today checked out the scene where a Socorro policeman said he saw a strange "object" last Friday.


Hynek

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Northwestern University astronomer, completed his investigation shortly before noon after taking numerous photographs and soil samples. Dr. Hynek returned to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque and indicated he will comment on his findings later in the day.

Hynek and Patrolman Lonnie Zamora went over the place where Zamora said he saw a mysterious flying object Friday inch by inch.

To Analyze Soil

Dr. Hynek told Radio Station KSRC in Socorro that an analysis of the soil and stones at the spot where the craft was supposed to have landed will be made and the results of the analysis would be made public.

When asked if he thought the craft was from outer space Dr. Hynek said, "You know about as much about it as I do."

Dr. Hynek said he had no knowledge of any objects, such as have been reported sighted by numerous persons over New Mexico since Friday being tracked on any radar sets in the area.

Witnesses to the craft seen by Zamora said it was marked with a red inverted V with a line, or several lines, horizontally through the V.

Dr. Hynek said he had no knowledge of any such markings on Air Force craft or on instruments being tested at nearby White Sands Missile Range.

Zamora said that from a distance there appeared to be two figures in white coveralls outside the object. It flew off with a roar when he approached, he said.

Six Reports

Since Zamora's sighting at least six reports have been made to authorities including one from a youth who said he fired several shots at something about 100 feet in the air near Moriarty.

T. Sgt. David Moody of the aerial phenomena branch at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, is in New Mexico to assist Dr. Hynek.

Dr. Hynek said his investigation will determine whether he would visit Espanola,

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where State Police Capt. Martin Vigil found the ground still smouldering 20 hours after a reported sighting.

Authorities found scorched grass and four wedge-shaped indentations in the ground at the Socorro site and near Espanola.

Dr. Hynek hoped to finish his investigation today.

He said he has found most people honest and sincere in reporting flying objects. Many common things, however, are often responsible for such reports, he said.

"Meteors, flocks of birds, weather balloons, even the moon can lead to these reports," Dr. Hynek said. "In such cases the reports often come from entirely honest people who see something that puzzles them."

'Routine' Inquiry

Dr. Hynek said he had not been told by the government whether sending him to New Mexico indicates that the Air Force has eliminated the possibility that the report by Zamora was caused by a U.S. aircraft.

In Washington, the Air Force said yesterday that its investigation of the reported sighting was "routine." It said it will release the results of its investigation when it is completed.

Hynek said he had never found any evidence that beings from another planet had visited earth.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzon of Tucson, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, said yesterday after spending the weekend in Socorro she was "convinced the Socorro policeman saw what he said he saw.

She said she believed intelligent beings from another planet have made several landings in New Mexico in the past few days.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization was formed by Mrs. Lorenzon in 1952, she said, and it now has nearly 800 members around the world.

Meanwhile, at Las Cruces a State Policeman and four employes of the port of entry station on Interstate 10 south of the city reported sighting a luminous object last night moving in a jerky motion and changing directions.

State Policeman Paul Arteche of Anthony answered the call from the port of entry, and, on his way to the station also sighted the object. He said it was moving northwest. The pilot of a private airplane made a similar report about the same time, between 10 and 10:30.

State Police Capt. Archie White said in Las Cruces that as far as he was concerned it might have been a satellite.

Reports From Hobbs

Hobbs Police received two reports, one from a group of children and another from two adults about 12 blocks from where the children said they saw a white round object hover over the city and then move off to the northeast. The two adults reported the same sighting at the same time.

The Federal Aviation Agency office said a silver twin-engine airplane was flying over the city about the same time but was flying to the southwest.

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MORE FROM NEW MEXICO

Soccoro . . . El Defensor – Chieftain (newspaper of the town) . . . April 28 and 30 . . . published on Tuesdays and Thursdays, carried these details of the Zamora sighting (April 24, 1964). They were on top of this story almost immediately and the following is briefly what was reported.

He first saw the object from 150 yards. As he drove towards the top of the Mesa, Zamora said one of two persons at the UFO whose back was to him, turned his head and looked straight at him. The two persons appeared to be dressed in white coveralls, and at that distance, Zamora said they appeared to be approximately as tall as a 12-13 year old boy. He did not take notice of headgear worn by the two short "men."

Zamora continued driving up the hill to get a closer look. When he stopped the car on top of the Mesa and directly opposite the place where the UFO had landed, he saw it again; but the persons were not to be seen. He started towards the UFO on foot. Then he heard the roar or blast that had brought him to the scene. He saw flames, and dust was flying around the object. Thinking that the object was about to explode, he threw himself to the ground and covered his head and face. He was a mere 50 feet from the UFO at the time.

When no explosion occurred, he raised his head and saw the object rise straight up 20 feet. As it rose, the roar changed to a whine and quieted.

The object maintained this altitude and moved in a straight line for about 2 miles. Then the UFO gained altitude very rapidly, and soon became a speck in the sky, and disappeared. Four depressions were found where the object had been. They were 12 in. by 6 in. The two legs were probably 2-1/2 ft. long. On the west side, it was 12 feet between landing holes; on the east, the distance was 15 feet. The width was 9 or more feet. Two round impressions were 4 and 5 inches in diameter respectively.

The newspaper carried a picture taken at the site on the very next day (April 25). Thereafter, the evidence was practically destroyed by the curious, who came in great numbers.

The Lorenzens of APRO were there soon after and reported their findings in Fate Magazine, July, 1964. Pictures of the impressions were taken and shown in Fate.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who visited the site with Zamora said "It's a real pity, but no one's fault, that other witnesses did not see the object land or take off. A movie of this would have been priceless. I feel in my own mind that hoax is ruled out . . ."

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NIGHT LEAD UFOS

SOCORRO, N.M., APRIL 29 (AP)--ONE OF THE THINGS THAT BOTHERS THE SCIENTIST INVESTIGATING NEW MEXICO'S UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORTS FOR THE AIR FORCE IS THE LACK OF MENTION OF RADAR CONTACTS.

"IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING NEW MEXICO IS INFESTED WITH RADAR EQUIPMENT," SAID DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, AN ASTRONOMER WHO IS A SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE AIR FORCE. "I'M GOING TO CHECK TO SEE IF THERE HAVE BEEN RADAR CONTACTS THAT MIGHT TIE INTO THESE REPORTS."

DR. HYNEK VISITED TODAY THE SECLUDED HILL WHERE SOCORRO POLICEMAN LONNIE ZAMORA REPORTED SEEING AN EGG-SHAPED OBJECT FLY AWAY FROM A DRAW LAST FRIDAY EVENING. OTTHER REPORTS HAVE FOLLOWED. THE SOCORRO REPORT AND ANOTHER AT LA MADERA IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO WERE SIMILAR IN THAT STATE AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED A SCORCHED AREA WHERE THE OBJE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LANDED, AND WEDGE-SHAPED IMPRESSIONS THAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT BY SOME TYPE OF LANDING GEAR.

HE WOULD NOT OFFER AN OPINION ON JUST WHAT ZAMORA DID SEE.

HE SAID HE HAD INVESTIGATED MANY SUCH SIGHTINGS BUT "THIS IS ONE OF THE CLEAREST, NO THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT WORD; JUST SAY IT IS ONE OF THE SOUNDEST, BEST SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS AS FAR AS IT GOES.

"USUALLY ONE FINDS MANY CONTRADICITIONS OR OMISSIONS IN THESE REPORTS," DR. HYNEK SAID. "BUT MR. ZAMORA'S STORY IS SIMPLY TOLD, CERTAINLY TOLD WITHOUT ANY INTENT TO PERPETUATE A HOAX. THE STORY OF COURSE WAS TOLD BY A MAN WHO OBVIOUSLY WAS FRIGHTENED BADLY BY WHAT HE DID SEE. HE CERTAINLY MUST HAVE SEEN SOMETHING."

ZAMORA'S RELIABILITY AS A WITNESS WAS SUPPORTED BY DR. LINCOLN LAPAZ (CAL L-P) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WHO HAS AN INTERNATIONA REPUTATION IN RUNNING DOWN REPORTS ON FIREBALLS AND METEORITES.

"I WOULD FIRST POINT OUT THAT WE ARE NOT PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THESE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS," DR. LAPAZ SAID TODAY. "BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE HAD CONTACTS WITH MR. ZAMORA FOR 15 YEARS IN MY WORK AND HE IS A THOROUGHLY DEPENDABLE OBSERVER."

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DR. HYNEK SAID HE FOUND LITTLE AT THE SOCORRO SITE.

"THE AREA CERTAINLY HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY MESSED UP BY THE TOURISTS. THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE THERE NOW."

HE SAID SOIL SAMPLES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO "SEE IF THERE ARE ANY PARTICLES IN THE ASHES OR AT THE SITE THAT MIGHT BE FOREIGN TO THIS AREA."

DR. HYNEK ALSO WAS INTERESTED IN THE WEDGE-SHAPED IMPRESSIONS.

"FROM THE OBSERVATIONS BY ZAMORA AND OTHER AUTHORITIES THE IMPRESSIONS APPARENTLY WERE FRESH," HE SAID. "I JUST WISH WE HAD A PICTURE OF THEM. BUT WITH ALL THE PEOPLE TRAMPING AROUND THERE, THERE ISN'T ANYTHING TO SEE NOW."

HE SAID THE LACK OF RADAR CONTACT REPORTS BOTHERED HIM.

"SO OFTEN WE HAVE SUCH A CONTACT AND THEN CAN TRACE THE OBJECT TO SOME NATURAL PHENOMENA OR AIRCRAFT," HE SAID.

THE SCIENTIST ALSO DISCUSSED THE MARKINGS THAT ZAMORA SAID HE SAW ON THE SIDE OF THE OBJECT, A RED, INVERTED V WITH BARS THROUGH IT.

"LISTENING TO HIS (ZAMORA'S) DESCRIPTION, THE FIRST THING THAT CAME TO MY MIND WAS A CATTLE BRAND TYPE OF MARKING. I WISH WE HAD A PICTURE OF IT. IT DOES NOT RING A BELL AS TO ANY KIND OF INSIGNIA THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH."

DR. HYNEK SAID THAT A REPORT THAT THE AIR FORCE HAD ASKED ZAMORA NOT TO DISCUSS THE MARKINGS WAS FALSE.

"NO ONE IN THE AIR FORCE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE SAID ABOUT THE MARKINGS," HE SAID.

DR. HYNEK ALSO WAS ASKING UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE IF THEY KNEW OF ANY GEOPHYSICAL GROUP WORK IN THE STATE.

"THESE PEOPLE OFTEN HAVE SOME STRANGE TYPE OF VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT THEY USE IN THESE RUGGED AREAS WHEN TAKING RADIOACTIVE SAMPLES," HE SAI

DR. HYNEK SAID AN APPOINTMENT TOMORROW IN BOSTON WOULD KEEP HIM FROM VISITING THE SITE NEAR LA MADERA NORTHWEST OF ESPANOLA WHERE A SANTA FE RESIDENT REPORTED SEEING A SIMILAR CRAFT AND WHERE THE SCORCHED GROUND AND OTHER REMAINS WERE SIMILAR TO THE SOCORRO SIGHTING.

HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT ON OTHER PARTS OF ZAMORA'S REPORT INCLUDING THAT OF SEEING WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO FIGURES IN WHITE COVER ALLS OUTSIDE THE CRAFT.

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'Flying Saucer' Reports Spread In New Mexico

SANTA FE (UPI) — New Mexico's perennial addiction to flying saucers has taken hold of the state again with more "objects" reported to police over the weekend.

The latest, which brought out the Air Force and the FBI, was spotted early Sunday morning at La Madera, about 50 miles north of Santa Fe. State Police Captain Martin Vigil said, "there was definitely something there."

Orlando Gallegos of Santa Fe told State Police he got within 200 feet of a huge metal object that looked like an egg-shaped butane tank. He said flames spurted silently from numerous jets around the bottom of the object. It was as long as a telephone pole and about 14 feet in circumference, he told police.

Gallegos' report came on the heels of a similar report from a Socorro policeman, Lonnie Zamora, who said he spotted an object near Socorro Friday night. Zamora, in clearing up false reports Sunday, said the object rose about 20 feet off the ground and slowly flew away.

Similar reports came from a Socorro teenager, an Albuquerque motorist, and two men driving in the La Madera area Saturday night. The Albuquerque motorist, George Mitropolis, said he saw a "silver looking" object. It disappeared over a mountain in the Caballo Reservoir area.

In both the Socorro and the La Madera reports the ground in the areas where the objects were reported to have landed was scorched and burned. Also found were "paw prints, like a mountain lion's," as well as "landing gear marks" — four impressions in the dirt.

Until the recent spottings, the last unidentified flying object was spotted in New Mexico near Gallup late last year by several motorists. A campus policeman at the University of New Mexico also spotted the Gallup object flying in the western sky at the same time."

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